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Trucks and petrol next on strike list

Jerusalem Post Staff

There will be less produce in the stores today and more garbage in the streets as the wave of labour unrest continues. Most of the country's truckers are going out on a one-day warning strike and municipal and local authority employees are continuing their work stoppage into its third day.

The National Labour Court in Jerusalem yesterday rejected a request by the Union of Local Authorities and refused to issue a temporary restraining order to end the municipal strike.

An open-ended strike by petrol stations is expected to begin tomorrow. Representatives of the service-station owners met yesterday with the director-general of the Energy Ministry, but failed to resolve their dispute over commissions. Household gas agents also remained on strike yesterday over commissions, and refused to deliver gas cylinders even in emergency cases.

Taxi drivers, however, returned to full work yesterday.

Matriculation exams may again be disrupted later this week, Secondary School Teachers Association head Shoshana Bayer said yesterday, as the dispute continues between teachers and the Education Ministry over dismissal of teachers.

Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld meanwhile said there was no reason for four public-sector unions representing 300,000 workers to declare a labour dispute on Sunday.

The union leaders charged the government with refusing to negotiate with them individually on compensation for wage erosion and on restructuring wage scales.

Haberfeld yesterday expressed confidence that the issue would be cleared up within a few days, and without work disruptions.

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Teachers threaten matric

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. – Disruptions of matriculation exams starting later this week were threatened yesterday by Secondary School Teachers Association Chairwoman Shoshana Bayer.

Bayer charged that the Education Ministry is not fulfilling the agreement reached but not signed with the union last month, which has averted exam disruptions until now.

Under the agreement, letters of dismissal to tenured teachers and notices cutting the number of hours per week some teachers work, were to be cancelled. According to Bayer, letters of dismissal to over 200 teachers and letters cutting the hours of 100 others have not been rescinded.

The rival Histadrut Teachers Union, which has some high-school teachers among its members, has promised not to disrupt matriculation exams. The Histadrut union is currently not threatening any other disruptions either, since negotiations with the ministry on an agreement to prevent dismissal of teachers are continuing.

But tomorrow the union leadership is to bear a report from its negotiating team and is to decide whether there seems to be any progress or whether a new spate of job actions should be taken.

Petrol stations to shut down tomorrow

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Association of Service Station Owners and Agents decided last night to go ahead with an indefinite strike of all its member stations starting tomorrow morning. Only about 12 stations in the country do not belong to the association.

The decision followed a meeting with Energy Minister Director-General Natan Arad, which brought no results on the association's demands for a 50 per cent increase in commissions. The government is willing to give them only a 14 per cent increase.

The household gas agents and distributors have already gone out on an indefinite strike, also demanding a 50 per cent increase in their commissions.

Both the gas agents and petrol-station owners claim that they are operating at a loss.

In a change from previous strikes, the gas agents are not selling gas cylinders in cases of emergencies – for example, to hospitals. They claim that they simply do not have money to buy cylinders.

President Herzog arrives in Dublin yesterday. Story below.
(Reuter telephoto)

Taba deadlock could wreck the government

INSIGHT
DAVID LANDAU

The prime minister's defeat in the inner cabinet on Sunday night over Taba has passed almost without notice, overshadowed by the hijack drama in Beirut.

But well-placed political observers believe that Peres's failure on Sunday to win a majority for submitting the dispute over the strip of Sinai near Eilat to arbitration harbours within it the potential to destroy the national unity government.

In the Peres camp there was no attempt yesterday to hide either the stinging disappointment or the sense of impending crisis engendered by the defeat. Among aides to Vice Premier Shamir there was open gratification: Labour's intensive efforts to woo one of the five Likud men in the inner cabinet (the most energetic efforts were invested in David Levy) had resoundingly failed.

The Shamir side asserts that a compromise between the premier and the vice premier is possible. Taba "is not Eretz Yisrael," Shamir aides note. The inner cabinet resolved on Sunday night, when it became obvious that a vote would produce a standoff, that the two men "find a formula."

But on the Peres side these assertions are seen as disingenuous. For

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Mubarak 'reassured' by Sudanese leader

CAIRO (AP). – President Hosni Mubarak returned home yesterday after a two-hour talk at Khartoum Airport with Sudanese strongman Abdul-Rahman Swareddahab, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

The brief visit to Sudan was Mubarak's first since president Ja'afar Numeiri was overthrown last April by Gen. Swareddahab, chairman of the 15-member Military Council.

Mubarak said upon arrival at Cairo Airport that his visit to Sudan had been "very reassuring."

"Sudan's relations with any other country will never be at the expense of ties between Egypt and Sudan," Mubarak said in reference to the recent restoration of relations between Sudan and Libya.

U.S. Navy task force steaming to Beirut

U.S. wants Israel to take a hint

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – The Reagan administration, while still refusing to publicly ask Israel to release the more than 700 Lebanese Shi'ite prisoners in exchange for the crew and passengers of the hijacked TWA airliner, is privately spreading the word that Israel eventually should do so.

But before any such exchange, U.S. officials are seeking firm assurances from Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri that all the hostages, including those with so-called "Jewish-sounding" names who were reportedly separated from the others in Beirut last Friday night, will indeed be freed.

National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane spoke by telephone with Berri yesterday, urging him to release all the Americans. According to U.S. officials, McFarlane assured Berri that Israel could be expected to release the Shi'ite prisoners once all the Americans had been safely freed.

But Berri, who is regarded as a relative moderate by the Americans and certainly more responsible that the Islamic Jihad terrorists believed involved in the hijacking, reportedly rejected McFarlane's proposal. Berri was said to be proposing a simultaneous exchange. This appeared to U.S. officials to possibly set the stage for a drawn-out negotiating ordeal.

State Department officials, in hinting broadly that Israel should release the Shi'ites even without a formal U.S. request, are privately making three points:

- Israel had planned to release them in any case in the near future. This was made clear to Washington by senior Israel officials even before the plane was hijacked last Friday. Israel has always maintained that its detention of the Shi'ites was temporary.

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Berri says TWA hostages have been taken into city

BEIRUT (AP). – U.S. warships raced to the eastern Mediterranean yesterday as Lebanon's Shi'ite Moslem warlord Nabih Berri said all hostages aboard the hijacked American jetliner had been taken to a secret hideout in Beirut at midnight Sunday.

Beirut airport officials, however, insisted the estimated 39 hostages were still on the commandeered Trans World Airlines Boeing 727 and lunched on chicken on the fourth day of the hijack drama.

As darkness fell, the red and white plane was still parked near the airport's fire station with no sign of the militias or troops who have been standing guard since its landing in Beirut for the third time Sunday. the cabin lights were blacked, but its engines purred throughout the day to keep the air conditioning system working against the stifling heat.

Some of the hijackers who are demanding the release of fellow Shi'ite guerrillas from an Israeli prison were certainly still aboard the aircraft.

From time to time, the octagonal control tower's radio crackled into life with messages from the cockpit. Reporters could see a bearded young man believed to be one of the hijackers seated in the copilot's position.

The conflicting accounts on the whereabout and fate of the hostages came amid reports from Washington of redeployment of U.S. Naval squadrons and Marines to eastern Mediterranean waters facing Lebanon.

The helicopter carrier Saipan left the eastern Spanish port of Benidorm, leaving on shore more than 100 crewmen in its haste to depart, the Spanish national news agency Efe said.

In addition, two U.S. Navy warships left Gibraltar yesterday. They were identified as the amphibious transport dock ship Nashville that can carry 840 troops and the USS Spartanburg County, which can put tanks ashore.

The aircraft carrier Nimitz and three escort ships cancelled a weekend visit to an Italian port and were sailing to the eastern Mediterranean, Pentagon officials said in Washington.

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Israel keeps low profile

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel maintained its deliberately low profile yesterday in connection with the TWA hijack. Official statements from Washington made it clear that the U.S. is not asking Israel to release its Shi'ite prisoners at this stage. And without an American request it is plain that Israel will not do so on its own initiative.

"It's an American plane, with American hostages and an American crew," said Police Minister and inner cabinet member Haim Bar-Lev (Labour) in a radio interview. His comments reflected the government's determination to take its cue in this episode from the Americans.

"We are not going to get out ahead of the Americans," another key official told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He reiterated that Israel had received no requests from the Americans, or for that matter from the International Red Cross.

By and large the blanket of discretion imposed by Premier Peres at Sunday's cabinet meeting stayed in place yesterday, with government sources confining themselves to off-the-record remarks. The premier himself, speaking at the Haifa Technion, said he would refrain from any statement regarding the hijack so as not to impair American efforts to secure the release.

The government, he said, has maintained no contacts on the hostage issue beyond those which it had disclosed, and it does not wish to make any public pronouncements.

New effort to save Ata as workers tire of fight

By DAVID RUDGE,
AVI TEMKIN
and ROY ISACOWITZ

Dozens of Ata workers say they want to give up their fight to save the bankrupt textile firm and settle for early retirement and compensation payments similar to those awarded to the 400 employees who were dismissed in March, Amnon Hasdai, Ata's personnel manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He maintained that the nine months of uncertainty since the Ata crisis broke, during which hopes had been alternatively raised and dashed, had weakened the will of many workers to continue the battle.

"A lot of people have lost patience and hope of finding a solution to the Ata crisis," said Hasdai.

He said that there are about 130 workers who are nearing retirement age and most are now prepared to accept compensation and early retirement benefits.

But members of Ata's works committee said the majority of the 874 employees, who yesterday started the fourth week of their sit-in at the Kiryat Ata and Kurdaneh plants are determined to "stick it out."

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal meanwhile yesterday made a new effort to keep Ata alive, in preparation for Sunday's cabinet meeting which will, once again, discuss the future of the company.

Shahal said that the ministers had not been aware of the details of the rescue plan and nevertheless voted against it this week. "In the past the ministerial committee approved much costlier projects without the ministers having the least inkling of the issues at hand," the minister said.

Shahal and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday tried to renegotiate some of the clauses of the agreement reached with the poten-

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Lebanon coordinator withdraws resignation

Post Defence Correspondent

Uri Lubrani, coordinator of Israel's policy in Lebanon, tendered his resignation yesterday. The reason he gave Defence Minister Rabin was that with the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon almost completed his job had come to an end.

Rabin asked Lubrani to withdraw the resignation, saying that the situation in the security zone warrants his staying on. Lubrani agreed to Rabin's request.

Man stabbed in capital

A man was stabbed in the hand after an altercation with two youths in Jerusalem's Talpiot neighbourhood yesterday afternoon. He was taken to a nearby Border Police post, and from there to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem for treatment.

Moshe Cohen, 25, said he was walking in the street with his wife when two Arab youths insulted them. In the ensuing brawl, one of them pulled a knife and wounded him in the hand. Police are searching for the youths. (Itim)

IDF under fire in security zone

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. – An exchange of fire took place yesterday in the security zone in South Lebanon after three Katyusha rockets were fired at IDF troops in the Shakif el-Hardoun area.

Lebanese sources reported that in response to the shooting, Israeli forces fired eight mortar rounds in the direction of the fire. Helicopters and infantry swept the area in the security zone.

An IDF spokesman said in answer to a question that the IDF does not respond to reports relating to operations in Lebanon.

Two South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded yesterday afternoon by mortar fire from within the security zone. The soldiers were taken to hospital in Marjayoun.

Small arms fire was directed at a position near Hasbaya yesterday. No one was injured in the incident.

U.S., Bonn, Wiesenthal experts due to verify 'Mengele remains'

SAO PAULO (Reuter). – Brazilian police have begun an investigation to determine whether the remains of the man they are convinced was Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele might have been tampered with to prevent easy identification.

Sao Paulo Chief Romeu Tuma told reporters yesterday that this was one of the reasons why police returned on Sunday to the grave outside Sao Paulo where the body of the man believed to have died in 1979 was exhumed on June 6 after a *tip-off from* the West German authorities.

Tuma denied that the new search had been made at the insistence of foreign forensic experts who arrived on Saturday.

He said the three U.S. government specialists, three West Germans and four nominees of the Simon Wiesenthal Nazi-hunting organization were to see the remains for the first time yesterday.

The specialists, together with the seven-man Brazilian team, would try to give a final verdict on whether the man was really Mengele, as his family and witnesses in Brazil claim.

Tuma said documents held by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, containing medical information on the hunted Nazi, were expected to arrive in Brazil yesterday to help the identification.

Police have already positively identified letters and papers found in the house of an Austrian couple, who they say sheltered him, as having been written by Mengele.

A dental specialist examining the remains said yesterday a square jaw formation of the unearthed skull indicated German characteristics.

The dentist Dr. Carlos Valerioe said he found similarities, which he described as "vague," with 1939 dental records of the so-called "angel of death." (picture p.2)

Herzog gets warm welcome in a rain-soaked Dublin

By JENNI FRAZER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

DUBLIN. – President Chaim Herzog arrived here in the pouring rain yesterday at the start of a four-day state visit.

But despite the weather, Herzog said last night that he had been received "in a very good atmosphere, with great cordiality, which was demonstrated not only by the authorities but also by the man in the street."

A planned demonstration by the Friends of Palestine at Dublin Airport degenerated into six rain-soaked protesters.

The president was welcomed by President Patrick Hillery and Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald, together with Israeli Ambassador to Britain and Ireland Yehuda Avner and Ireland's non-resident Ambassador to Israel Charles Whelan. Members of the Jewish community were also present.

The president took the salute while the Irish and Israeli national anthems were played. A 21-gun salvo was fired and military aircraft flew past.

Herzog paid a courtesy call on Hillery at his residence, which is in the grounds of the largest natural park in Europe. He then met the lord mayor of Dublin and the diplomatic corps, represented at yesterday evening's Dublin Castle dinner by the papal nuncio.

Fitzgerald has asked for a one-hour meeting alone with Herzog today.

The president has placed on record his personal appreciation to the prime minister.

In his speech at Dublin Castle yesterday evening, Herzog spoke of the historic event of standing in the country of his birth in his capacity as president of Israel. He formally invited Hillery to make a state visit to Israel.

Two of the three leading daily papers generally welcomed the visit, although *The Irish Times* was sharply critical of Israel's treatment of Irish Unifil troops, and ascribed the release of the 21 Finnish soldiers by the South Lebanon Army on the eve of the Herzog visit to "remonstrations by Foreign Minister Peter Barry to Ambassador Avner."

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Nazareth	—	18—	31
Afula	41	20–32	34
Shomron	30	19–30	31
Tel Aviv	74	19–27	28
B-G Airport	48	17–29	31
Jericho	22	20–36	37
Gaza	30	20–27	28
Beersheba	17	14–34	34
Eilat	13	23–40	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Acting President and Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday received at the Knesset Countess Mountbatten of Burma and the Hon. Timothy Knatchbull.

The Speaker hosted a dinner at the Knesset in honour of Anita Gradin, Swedish Minister of Immigration and Absorption.

Liberian Ambassador Samuel Pearson called on Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday at city hall.

ARRIVALS

Robert Zablud, past president of the Australian Zionist Federation, to participate in the Zionist General Council and Jewish Agency Assembly meetings.

Walter Czenstochowski, head of the Jewish community of Venezuela, to attend the meeting of the Zionist General Council

West Bank judge gets 3 years, fine for taking bribes

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ghaleb Haj Mahmoud, former president of the West Bank Court of Appeals, was sentenced yesterday to three years' imprisonment and a IS60 million fine after being found guilty on 27 counts of bribery.

Mahmoud, who was said to have accepted over $1 million in bribes over the past seven years, will commence his sentence in two weeks, after the Moslem holidays. He was tried by the Ramallah Military Court.

He was the last and most senior of four local judges detained four months ago on charges of corruption. One judge was released for lack of evidence, while two others have been sentenced. The two trials were conducted *in camera* and the court has forbidden the publication of their sentences.

Fast day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chief rabbis have called for a day of fasting and special prayers in synagogues today in recognition of "the country's difficult situation."

Among the difficulties mentioned by the rabbis are the rate of road fatalities, as signalled by last week's accident in which 18 children lost their lives, and the country's economic state.

Moshav blocks road

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. – Members of Moshav Neve Ativ on the slopes of Mt. Hermon yesterday blocked traffic on the northern Golan road and barred entry to their settlement. They were protesting against what they said was the failure of the government and the Jewish Agency to provide the village with financial aid.

The settlers said that the moshav had been established to promote tourism, but the Hermon ski slopes have been closed and no alternative projects have been provided.

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Outgoing Civil Administration chief:

Jordan stepping up activity in West Bank

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT EL. – The recently appointed Jordanian cabinet, nearly half of whom are Palestinians, has stepped up its activity in the West Bank, according to the outgoing head of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration, Aluf-Mishne Freddy Zach.

At the same time, Zach said, the influence of the PLO continues to decline, although the agreement between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat has seen some cooperation on a local level between pro-PLO and pro-Hashemite groups in the area. Nonetheless, rivalries between the two major groups of opinion remain.

The Jordanian authorities have increased the salaries they have paid to civil servants employed before June 1967. These constitute some 20 per cent of the people employed by the Civil Administration. The new cabinet ministers have also made several statements indicating that they intend liberalizing many of the restrictions placed on trade and other relations between Jordan and the territory under Israeli rule.

Israeli officials have also monitored an increase in the Jordanian secret police's interest in the activities and movement of local residents across the Jordan river bridges.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, called to mark his departure and the publication of the Civil Administration's annual report, Zach also noted that a group of pro-Jordanian personalities in East Jerusalem has become increasingly active. This group, he said, is lead by the East Jerusalem businessman Othman Khallak, *al-Kuds* editor Mahmoud Abu Zuluf and Jerusalem lawyer Issam Annani.

The Civil Administration has dramatically increased the amount of income tax it collects from local residents, and this year was able to finance all of its activities, including the development budget, from such taxes and duties.

The report states that IS7.4 million were collected during 1984, an increase of 39 per cent over the previous year. Israel's administration of the 800,000-odd inhabitants hardly costs anything today apart from the direct expenditure on security, Zach said.

The release of hundreds of convicted terrorists into the area following last month's prisoner exchange has so far not resulted in any unrest or increase in security offences. However, military government and security officials had ascertained that a group of life-term prisoners released as part of the swap do pose a threat. "They are under constant surveillance," he said.

The military authorities have also begun banning students they suspect of incitement on the various university campuses in the area as an alternative to closing the institutions after unrest.

Zach said that to date some 20 such orders confining students to their towns or villages, or barring them from entering the campuses, have been issued.

The Bank of Israel and the Defence Ministry have approved the establishment of a bank in the West Bank, and all difficulties stem from reservations on the Jordanian side, according to Zach. Restrictions on the import of funds have been lifted and since May some $50 million in cash has entered the West Bank.

Zach confirmed that the military government had changed its policy on the unification of families instituted after the Six Day War. No formal criteria other than the vague principle of "true humanitarian concern" are employed any longer. Figures provided by his office later during the day indicate that on an annual basis this change in policy has not really been reflected in the number of family-reunion permits that have been issued. Last year 1,055 permits were issued.

Zach will be replacing the outgoing head of the economic branch in the Defence Ministry's Coordinator of Activities in the Administered Territories, Tat-Aluf Arye Beckenstein, who is retiring from the army. Aluf-Mishne Ephraim Sneh, son of the late MK Moshe Sneh, is to replace Zach next month. Sneh's previous positions included a stint of liaison activity in Southern Lebanon.

Shamir now has doubts over freeing terrorists

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Vice Premier Shamir yesterday expressed *post factum* reservations about the cabinet's decision last month to free 1,150 terrorists in return for the three IDF soldiers held by the Jibril group.

At a meeting with the leadership of the Morasha Knesset faction Shamir said: "Maybe we went too far in that prisoner exchange."

Morasha sent Minister without Portfolio Yosef Shapira, and MKs Haim Druckman and Avraham Verdiger, to urge Shamir not to let the government make a similar mistake with the demands of the TWA hijackers.

Shamir promised the Morasha leaders that before the government discusses the TWA hijack issue again, he will bring the views of Morasha before a separate meeting of the Likud ministers.

The Morasha delegation told Shamir of other resolutions of their two-member faction calling for death sentences, expulsions and other curbs against terrorists.

TABA

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one thing, Taba *is* "Eretz Yisrael," in a certain sense, since both major parties regard it as the key to repairing the peace with Egypt and thence proceeding towards progress on a comprehensive peace. In addition, all compromise ideas have already been tried in talks with Egypt ("hybrid" arbitration-conciliation; three months of conciliation to be followed by arbitration; etc.) – and all have been rejected. Egypt's President Mubarak and his government have dug themselves into a position-of-principle in which there is virtually no room for compromise. They are offering an across-the-board thaw of the "cold peace" – in return for arbitration. But nothing other than arbitration is acceptable.

It was this "package deal" which Peres put to the inner cabinet on Sunday, and which the inner cabinet in effect rejected.

The premier himself had earlier exacerbated the political significance of this setback by letting it be known, both within his own party and to the Likud, that the Taba arbitration was an issue of principle on which he would not brook defeat or undue delay. During Sunday there were reports in the media, apparently inspired, that if the decision was not taken that same night the premier would resign.

This was plainly premature.

The blow to Peres's political standing at home is compounded by the embarrassment he has inevitably suffered abroad – especially in Cairo and in Washington.

The Egyptians had been led to believe, by a whole series of hints and signals ostensibly conveyed at the instance of the premier, that the Taba arbitration was now virtually "in the bag." There was even talk, in diplomatic contacts between the two countries, of a Peres-Mubarak summit being held within a week or two after the formal agreement on the *compromis* or terms of reference of the arbitration.

This was similarly the impression among American officials. Peres has indicated to the Americans that he will be prepared to move ahead on West Bank talks once he has successfully restored the Egypt-Israel normalization. He was buoyed by the generally favourable reception accorded to his "alternative peace plan" which he enunciated from the Knesset rostrum last week. American and Egyptian reactions were particularly encouraging.

The premier also believes that a success with Egypt would significantly impact on public opinion at home and thereby prepare the ground for diplomatic progress on the eastern front.

Now, say well-placed observers, Peres may seek the support of the religious parties who hold the balance in the coalition – and thereby signal to Shamir that he is prepared to break up the unity government, and try for a narrow-based government, unless the Likud softens its opposition to arbitration over Taba.

Labour has redoubled its efforts of late to persuade Shas, Agudat Yisrael, the National Religious Party and Morasha of the favourable prospects that could be opened up by a rapprochement with Egypt. Labour sources profess themselves pleased with the reactions of the Shas rabbis. But the Likud is aware of these wooing efforts and is countering by promises and blandishments of its own.

In the final analysis, observers believe, Peres can get his way only by a showdown with Shamir, threatening to resign and thereby challenging the Likud leader to choose.

U.S. HINTS

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• Israel had originally transported the Lebanese prisoners to Israel in violation of a Geneva convention. By returning them to Lebanon, they said, Israel would simply be correcting a mistake.

• Israel, itself, had recently freed 1,150 Arab prisoners, including many convicted terrorists, in exchange for three Israeli soldiers. The Lebanese Shi'ite prisoners, U.S. officials said, are in a totally different category, with most involved only in relatively minor security incidents in South Lebanon.

In New York, Mayor Ed Koch urged Israel to free the Shi'ite prisoners it holds and not to wait for a formal request regarding their release. Terming the recent prisoner exchange Israel had agreed to a grave error, Koch said that now there was no alternative but to release the Shi'ite prisoners. After the TWA plane affair will be settled, the Western nations ought to adopt a joint policy of action how to combat terror, he said.

Menahem Rossek (left), head of the Nazi war criminals department of the Israeli Police, visits the site of the alleged grave of war criminal Josef Mengele outside Sao Paulo on Sunday accompanied by local Israeli consulate officials (Reuter telephoto)

Lahad: SLA will retaliate if Unifil repeats 'mistake'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

MARJAYOUN. – "If Unifil makes the same mistake that it did last week, the South Lebanese Army will react in the same way," Gen. Antoine Lahad, the commander of the SLA, warned here yesterday.

He was referring to the transfer of 11 SLA men to Amal by Unifil and the subsequent detention of over 20 Finnish Unifil soldiers by the SLA.

Speaking to Israeli military correspondents, Lahad said that the SLA had never requested and does not expect Unifil recognition. But it wants the same type of relationship Unifil has with other forces in the area, like the Shi'ite Amal militia.

"We do not want recognition but we and Unifil need to cooperate if incidents like last week are not to recur," he said.

Lahad said that he was absolutely sure that the 11 men did not defect, even though the Red Cross – in whom he said he had total faith – had presented him with a written statement that the 11 do not want to return to the SLA.

"We could not contest the written statements, even though we are certain that they were signed under duress," he said.

Lahad did not deny that there have been defections from the SLA, but said that now that the political situation has stabilized in Southern Lebanon he expects these to end.

He said that more Shi'ites are joining the SLA – a claim that was substantiated by Israeli officers who provided details on current SLA strength, including the recent induction of 100 recruits who are now undergoing basic training at an SLA camp.

The defections, Lahad explained, were primarily generated by the uncertainty caused by the series of Israeli pullbacks that made southern Shi'ites nervous about the SLA's continued ability to control the south.

Lahad said that the number of Israeli soldiers and advisers attached to his forces "is satisfactory," but only if the *status quo* continues to hold. "If pressures on us increase, not from Amal but from the Syrians, we will not be able to withstand these as things are," he said.

The SLA commander, in reply to a question, said that the release of Shi'ites from the Atlit detention centre had not affected the security situation in Southern Lebanon. "Generally we find that once a man has spent time in detention he does not return to terror activity," he said.

Norway's chief rabbi: Unifil soldiers learn to hate Israel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Norwegian Chief Rabbi Michael Melchior yesterday called on Israeli leaders to agree on a consistent policy on Unifil.

The 31-year-old Melchior, who is here as a guest of the World Zionist Organization, says that the thousands of Norwegian men who have served in the Unifil contingent in Southern Lebanon arrive in the Middle East sympathetic towards Israel, but return home "hating Israel." The cause of the antipathy is the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, whose soldiers are known for their "bad behaviour."

Melchior, son of Danish Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior, told *The Jerusalem Post* that ministers and MKs visiting Scandinavia differ on whether Unifil is vital to Israel's interests. Some say it is, while others say it should be disbanded, he said. This confuses both the 1,200-member Jewish community of Norway as well as Norwegian leaders.

Incidents involving the SLA and the Unifil's Norwegian contingent, he continues, are covered by the Norwegian press on an almost-daily basis on the front pages. The clashes have caused tremendous anger against Israel. "The only place in the world where Norwegian soldiers are stationed abroad is Lebanon. The focus is on them."

Melchior also urged that Israelis open their homes to Unifil soldiers and provide warm hospitality. So far, they have been treated with suspicion or even contempt. Being friendly to them while they are on leave in Israel would be worth much more than sending some Israelis to speak in Scandinavia, he said.

The chief rabbi of Norway, who has held the post for five years, was born in Denmark, but he studied at Yeshivat Hakotel in Jerusalem and was ordained by the late Jerusalem chief rabbi Bezalel Zolti.

IBA to consider English news on TV

A plenum meeting on Sunday of the Israel Broadcasting Authority heard proposals for next season's programme schedule, including a nightly English news broadcast. The meeting was adjourned, however, without any vote taken.

The proposed news broadcast would be at 10 p.m., and would compete with the English news programme on Jordan's foreign language channel.

No date was set for a follow-up meeting, though one may be held within a week to 10 days. A vote will then be taken on the new programme schedule.

CLEAN. – The Interior Ministry's Environmental Service is cleaning some 100 kilometres of the Mediterranean coast, excluding authorized beaches which undergo regular cleaning.

Hillel blocks debate on Mi'ari's immunity

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Coalition chairwoman Sara Doron (Liberals) accused Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel of showing disrespect for the House and of indirectly giving the impression that he favoured Arab Knesset Member Mohammed Mi'ari, by refusing this week to let the plenum debate the House Committee's recommendation to limit Mi'ari's parliamentary immunity.

The committee last week voted by an overwhelming majority to limit the freedom of access of the Progressive List for Peace MK because he had reportedly equated Arab terror with Jewish terror in a speech commemorating Fahd Kawasmeh, who had been assassinated in Amman.

Doron, who aired her complaint about Hillel at the coalition executive, was echoed in milder terms by a fellow-Liberal, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

Nissim said that there is no legal obstacle such as the *sub judice* rule to prevent the Knesset debating the issue of Mi'ari's immunity merely because Mi'ari had applied to the High Court of Justice to overthrow the House Committee's recommendation to the plenum.

Hillel should not have prevented the House Committee's recommendation coming up in the plenum, Nissim said.

When Doron said she would appeal Hillel's action in the House Committee, Alignment faction chairman Rafael Edri accused her of showing disrespect to the speaker.

Earlier, Hillel appeared at the Alignment executive to explain why he had refused to let the plenum debate the Mi'ari immunity recommendation while it was before the High Court.

Hillel said that the Knesset had originally passed the Knesset Members Immunity Law with a view to turning the House Committee and the plenum into a buffer against arbitrary action against parliamentarians.

This year for the first time, he said, the House Committee twice initiated steps to curb an MK's immunity, instead of scrutinizing such steps when proposed by the attorney-general as in the past. Hillel stressed that the first case, that of Kach leader Meir Kahane, could not be compared with the Mi'ari case.

"The House Committee and the plenum are supposed to sift proposals of action by the authorities and not to take things into their own hands," Hillel said. "The House Committee is a political body and not a judicial instance. Theoretically there would be nothing to prevent 61 MKs curbing the immunity of the remaining 59, especially when some MKs call others 'traitors' as the Likud used to call the Alignment until not so long ago."

'Harassed' Ramallah families are to receive compensation

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Rabin has written to Progressive List for Peace MK Matti Peled, assuring him that the Samaria civil administration will compensate a group of Ramallah water company employees who suffered harassment on a trip to Eilat two months ago. Rabin said that the employees had already received an apology.

The incident concerned some 40 employees of the Ramallah water company and their families who got a permit from the IDF through the civil administration to visit southern Israel and Eilat in a hired bus.

Reaching Eilat at midnight, they were stopped by police and soldiers at a roadblock, and despite the IDF permit which they showed, they were told to turn around and go back to Ramallah.

However, the bus broke down. It stayed on the highway near the roadblock for six hours till it was fixed, during which time the soldiers prevented anyone getting off.

Rabin wrote that officials in the civil administration had been reprimanded for not coordinating the excursion with the police and army in Eilat.

The employees will be compensated with another trip to Eilat at the expense of the civil administration, Rabin said.

Freed terrorist arrested in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – A terrorist freed in last month's exchange of prisoners found himself behind bars again yesterday after failing to present identification papers and allegedly attacking border policemen.

A spokesman for the Gaza Strip police told *The Jerusalem Post* that a border police unit patrolling the Jabaliyah refugee camp asked the man to identify himself. The man, whose name was not released, failed to show his papers and refused to board their vehicle to the police station.

According to the police account the man attacked the officers, and they had to use force to arrest him.

The suspect had been serving a 20-year sentence. He is to be charged with attacking policemen.

In another incident, three armed men yesterday evening entered a shop in Beit Lahiya demanding to see a member of the shopkeeper's family with whom they had a dispute. One of the intruders, who has a criminal record, was armed with a submachine gun, and his accomplices had knives.

Three members of the Halima family, which owns the shop, attacked the intruders and disarmed the gunman whose leg was broken. The man was sent to hospital and his accomplices fled, police said.

BERRI-HOSTAGES

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An Israeli gunboat reappeared in Mediterranean waters opposite Beirut's airport for a second straight day and was later joined by another. Both drew occasional barrages of anti-aircraft fire from Shi'ite militia positions at the airport's southern edge.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, yesterday identified the man shot to death by the hijackers and dumped out of the plane at Beirut Airport on Saturday as U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, 23, of Waldorf, Maryland.

Berri's chief spokesman Ali Hamdan told reporters at the airport that 32 Americans, four Greeks including folk singer Demis Roussos, and three crewmen remained in captivity.

Amal spokesmen have repeatedly denied reports that up to 12 hostages with Jewish-sounding names were moved from the hijacked plane during an earlier stop in Beirut last Friday.

But TWA and the White House said they were transferred, and if the rest of the passengers were also taken from the aircraft it is possible two separate groups of hostages are being held in Beirut.

Berri told a news conference at his West Beirut home he personally ordered the transfer of the hostages shortly after midnight and that his Amal militiamen are now guarding them "somewhere in Beirut."

"I have personally ordered their evacuation... Because we are afraid of an operation or a battle in which all of them would be killed," Berri said.

"All the passengers are now out of the plane. That was at my personal order resulting from what happened yesterday with a gunboat blockade. We were afraid those aboard the plane will be exposed to a storming operation, a battle in which all of them would be killed and then with the force of their propaganda machine we will be held responsible for what happened," Berri went on.

In response to a western newsman's question, Berri then said in English: "To all the boat and helicopter activity coming from Israel or from America, or from the U.S. and Israel mixed together, I want to say you are not in Grenada."

Berri had put his 6,000-strong militia on "maximum alert".

We deeply mourn the death of our dear mother and grandmother

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The funeral will take place on Tuesday, June 18, 1985, at 11.30 a.m., at the cemetery of Kvuzat Kinneret, within the family circle.

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Prayers at 7.30 p.m. at George Eliot 6, Central Carmel, Haifa, Tel. 04-88952.

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Labour court refuses temporary restraining order

Garbage piles up as municipal strike enters 3rd day

By AARON SITTNER and MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Garbage will continue piling up in the streets and services will still be paralyzed, as the strike of municipal and other local authority workers continues into its third day today.

At the National Labour Court in Jerusalem yesterday, presiding Judge Zvi Bar-Niv refused to issue a temporary restraining order, as requested by the Union of Local Authorities, to force the Histadrut Clerical Workers to call off the strike pending a formal hearing on the issues.

In what the workers saw as a victory, Bar-Niv set a hearing for tomorrow at which both sides would present their positions on the question of whether or not the Local Authorities Union, as the employer, has failed to live up to the terms of supplementary work agreements signed in 1984.

The Histadrut union claims that undertakings to grant across-the-board job-grade promotions have not been fulfilled, and that a wage-erosion increment granted last year has not been linked to the Consumer Price Index.

Following yesterday's rejection of the request for a temporary order, Histadrut attorneys handed Bar-Niv a list of 3,000 key municipal workers it is exempting from the strike. They include staff of such services as water supply, sewage, the fire brigades, custodial and transport of handicapped children and their schools, street lighting, safety patrol, sanitation at municipal hospitals and school transport.

A spokesman for the Union of Local Authorities told reporters that if mayors or local authority heads feel more workers are needed they would not hesitate to issue back-to-work orders, as required. Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz on Sunday had signed an order permitting mayors to do so.

Tourists and shoppers yesterday had to pick their way around the garbage piles on the sidewalks of Tel Aviv's Rehov Dizengoff and cafe-goers found themselves sitting almost on top of the garbage.

Tel Aviv drivers, pleased at the expected respite from the dreaded "Denver Boots" and parking tickets, parked on sidewalks and in other illegal places.

Several nursery schools closed down, because the nursery school teachers' assistants are municipal employees and therefore striking, and parents had to take their children back home or to work with them. Other nursery schools closed early, disrupting the parents' work day.

Studies continued as usual in school, but school secretaries and caretakers did not show up, leaving paper work, maintenance and cleaning undone. Garbage was not collected from the schools and the toilets were not cleaned.

Emergency services continued operating with skeleton staffs, their workers receiving special permission to work during the strike to alleviate the public suffering. These services include fire fighting, sewage, garbage collection from hotels and hospitals and transporting children to schools.

The Tel Aviv beaches were full of bathers, despite the black flags flown by the striking life-guards: but in Bat Yam, the municipality issued back-to-work orders yesterday to 18 life guards so that bathers at the city's beaches could swim without violating the law.

In Petah Tikva, municipal employees joined the strike at midnight last night, following a self-imposed delay announced on Sunday, as part of that city's mourning period for the children killed in the train-bus collision last week.

Avraham Shafat, head of the Interior Ministry's emergency strike task force told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that no serious problems have been reported to him by mayors "except for several inquiries about how to go about issuing the back-to-work orders."

At this point, both the Interior Ministry and the Treasury are not intervening in the strike, claiming they are not parties to the dispute.

A Treasury spokesman told *The Post* that last Friday Finance Minister Moda'i expressed readiness to approve funding for the job grade advancement demanded by the workers' union, but only for the duration of the current budget year. But the workers, citing the agreement with the Union of Local Authorities for promotions extending into next year, rejected Moda'i's offer.

Moda'i to vote for Likud unity at Liberal meeting

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Finance Minister Moda'i will vote for unification of the Likud at Thursday's Liberal Party convention even if his own proposal for unification is defeated by that of his rivals, Ministers Sharir, Patt and Nissim – Moda'i declared at a press conference here yesterday.

"The name of my faction in the party is unity and change and we've had that name for 12 years," he said. "That indicates how consistent I am about wanting unity. I wanted it when former premier Begin didn't. For the others unity is secondary. They want to make political capital out of it, including getting me out of the way," Moda'i said.

As much as Thursday's convention will be a battle between those who want unity and those who oppose it, the occasion will be a battle between Moda'i and his followers on one side and the other Liberal ministers on the other.

"My proposal calls for the convention accepting the conditions for unity as laid down in the documents which Minister Nissim and I drafted with Ministers Levy and Arens of Herut, conditional on approval within six months by a parallel body in Herut.

"They (the other Liberal ministers) want the convention to approve unification. Then, if it should turn out that Herut doesn't approve it, we would have to make a new decision. It's like a couple standing under the canopy and the groom saying no while the bride says yes."

He said that he believes those who oppose unification may not leave the party immediately if this proposal is accepted.

"They wanted an immediate vote for or against unification, but I convinced them that it would be better if the two resolutions for unification were pitted against each other so people would know what being for or against actually entailed. There may be two resolutions against unification too: one calling for maintaining the status quo in the Likud and the other for dismantling the Likud altogether."

Moda'i said he knows that the wider the representation in a party group (and the convention is the widest) the more there is resistance to the idea of unification. Nevertheless, he said he would be surprised if unification is not agreed upon on Thursday. Asked if he will consider stepping down from his position in the party leadership if unification is defeated, he said he assumes that decision will be made for him.

Opponents of unification are to hold a press conference today.

Fares vary as cabbies return to work

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – All taxi drivers were back at work yesterday amid considerable mix-up concerning fares. Sherut fares charged by nearly all the taxi companies include the government approved increase of 14 per cent plus two per cent VAT, while fares for special trips are negotiable. Metered fares have been raised by many companies 37.4 per cent.

The taxi drivers went back to work after a 12-day strike, claiming that they had the support of the government, the Histadrut and the manufacturers for their 37.4 per cent fare increase. They decided that they would charge the higher price even though they had not yet received government approval. It is believed that they will receive this approval in a matter of days.

Jerusalem taxi drivers returned to work in the afternoon, but are charging the official government price. They returned to work because they could not remain on strike while their colleagues from other parts of the country had gone back to work.

Shemtov Shemtov, chairman of the Jerusalem cab owner's association, told reporters that he will "continue to seek the legitimate increase" that he said is needed by the cab companies to make their business profitable.

He declined comment yesterday afternoon when asked why the heads of the Tel Aviv and Haifa associations had not consulted with him when they decided to raise fares unilaterally by 37 per cent. According to the Tel Aviv and Haifa cab owners, they will agree to the lower, state-controlled price that Jerusalem drivers are abiding by, "if the passenger argues."

A group of angry taxi drivers planned yesterday morning to force their way into Transport Minister Haim Corfu's office and hold him hostage till the approval was granted. The plan did not succeed since Corfu was at Ben-Gurion Airport seeing President Herzog off to Ireland.

The taxi drivers plan to hold small demonstrations of about a dozen taxis in front of the government offices in Jerusalem until a positive answer to their demands is given. The taxi owners union is meeting today to decide what further steps to take if no positive answer is received.

Disappointed cabbies block the entrance to the office of Transport Minister Haim Corfu in Jerusalem yesterday. Corfu was not in.
(Eliahu Harati)

Truckers plan warning strike for today

By YITZHAK OKED and ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The country's truckers are holding a one-day warning strike today to follow up yesterday's demonstration in Jerusalem – which, despite earlier predictions of chaos, did little to disrupt traffic in the capital.

Today's stike, called by the Israel Trucking Board which groups some 85 per cent of all truck-owners, will mainly affect farmers, who will not be able to market their produce.

The truckers are demanding a 30 per cent increase in tariffs, while the government is willing to authorize only a 14 per cent raise.

Yesterday's demonstration went off quietly, mainly because the police would not allow all 500 demonstrating truckers to go up to the capital at the same time. At the height of the protest outside the government offices, police estimate that no more than 200 of the planned 500 trucks actually made it to Jerusalem.

The demonstration began at 7 a.m., with the arrival of some 70 trucks, which crept up the last curves of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway in the right-hand lane with their lights on and horns blasting.

For about half an hour at the entrance to town traffic was snarled as the trucks inched from the highway to the government office buildings at Kiryat Ben-Gurion.

On the trucks were plasterd posters saying: "We don't want subsidies, just a decent rate."

Book fairs in 44 towns

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The organizers of Hebrew Book Week yesterday expressed the hope that lighting and sanitary services would be available for the fair which opens tomorrow, despite the municipal strikes.

At a press conference here, the organizers disclosed that over 30,000 titles would be available at discounts in 44 open-air book markets from Katzrin in the Golan Heights to Eilat. The largest fairs will be in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Haifa, Netanya and Beersheba.

The deputy director of the Education Ministry's Arts and Culture department, Dan Ronen said that some 650,000 readers regularly borrow books at 600 public libraries around the country. About half the population reads one book per month, and 30 per cent read four or more, he said.

The deputy chairman of the Publisher. Association, Avshalom Orenstein, described the state of the industry as "relatively good." In binderies and other sectors of the trade, there is even a shortage of workers, he said.

Writers Association chairwoman Shulamit Lapid called on the Education Ministry to increase the budget of the Hebrew Book Council, which buys books for public libraries. She described the current budget as "derisory."

Bar-Lev favours raising speed limit on major roads

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said in a press statement yesterday that he wants to raise the speed limit on the country's three most modern roads from 90 kilometres per hour to 100, saying that only 0.5 per cent of accidents on those roads is a direct result of speed.

The minister suggests raising the limit on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway up to Sha'ar Hagai, on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway from Givat Olga to Tirat Carmel, and on the Tel Aviv-Ashdod highway. He is to propose this at a meeting tomorrow of the Ministerial Committee on Highway Safety.

Bar-Lev said that the present speed limit "forces many drivers to break the law," because many of the cars on the roads are newer and faster than in the past.

At a recent press conference, Transport Minister Haim Corfu stated that he opposes raising the speed limit.

There are only a few roads in Israel (less than 10 per cent) on which it is possible to travel at 90 kilometres per hour.

For the small proportions of roads, where it would be possible to travel at 100 kph, it is not worth raising the speed limit, say transport officials. Motorists will simply not reduce speed when they return to the lower speed roads.

Today there is a difference of 10 kph between the faster speed roads and the lower speed roads, making it easier for the driver. Corfu fears that motorists will travel even faster than 100 kph, and he also pointed out that at faster speeds there is higher fuel consumption.

Course for ex-soldiers

HAIFA. – An innovative university pre-entry course for demobilized soldiers who failed their matriculation exams has been opened by Haifa University in conjunction with three nearby kibbutzim.

The students, recently discharged from the IDF, spend three days studying at the university and three days working at the kibbutzim which provide them with accommodation and food.

Poll finds Israelis fear secular-religious strife

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most Israelis fear that tensions between secular and religious Jews are intensifying, according to a new poll commissioned by Gesher, an organization that brings the two camps together in seminars and courses on Judaism.

Results of the poll, which was conducted by Dahaf, were disclosed at a press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agron yesterday by Dr. Daniel Tropper, founder and director of Gesher.

According to the poll of 1,192 Israeli Jews over the age of 18, 52 per cent of the respondents favour adding "more hours on Judaic studies" to the school curriculum. Of those questioned who identified themselves as "religious," 88 per cent favoured this, compared to 66 per cent of those who called themselves "traditional" and 38 per cent of those who labelled themselves "secular."

Only nine per cent of the secular Jews wanted the time dedicated to Jewish subjects cut.

Comparing the religious-secular situation of today with that five years ago, 35 per cent of the religious said it is "worse" today, while 55 per cent of the secular saw a deterioration in relations between the two groups. The better educated saw the situation in general as more serious today.

Conflict between religious and secular Jews is regarded by those polled as much more serious and long-term than that between Sephardi and Ashkenazi Jews.

Tropper, who was an adviser to former education minister Zevulun Hammer, conceded that there were gaps in the poll. It did not, for example, compare the views of Zionist-oriented religious Jews with those of the ultra-Orthodox, or youngsters under the age of 18. But he said that it was only the first of a series of polls by Gesher.

Tropper was encouraged that most religious and secular respondents said they were willing to take part personally in Jewish studies together. A total of 64 per cent of the religious were open to courses with the secular, while 53 per cent of the secular Jews were ready to study with religious Jews.

As a result of the poll, Gesher intends to increase its encounters between religious and secular adults.

Tropper was asked whether he personally favours the operation of the swimming pool in Jerusalem's Ramot quarter on Shabbat, which has been the scene of conflict even before it has opened. Tropper said he would favour closing it only on condition that the decision were reached in calm negotiations between secular and religious residents. If the ultra-Orthodox forced a closedown on Shabbat through the use of political pressure, he would oppose it, Tropper said.

Suit by family of bus attack victim

TEL AVIV (Itim). – A suit for damages filed by the family of the youth killed in last year's rocket attack on an Arab bus in Jerusalem was taken up in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

In their suit, Ismail and Jamal al-Matur, claim that the state is liable for the slaying of the youth, as the killer, David Ben-Shimol, was serving in the IDF at the time and used an IDF anti-tank rocket in the attack.

They claim that the state had given Ben-Shimol access to the rocket used, or had not taken the necessary precautions to prevent him from gaining access to it.

They futher claim that the state should have been aware of the murderous ideas and intentions Ben-Shimol barboured against Arabs.

Ben-Shimol, who has been sentenced to life in prison, has yet to submit a defence brief to the suit.

Book on former Bank Hapoalim chief says:

'Shame of public interrogation drove Levinson to suicide'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Ya'acov Levinson's life could have been saved if police had agreed to question him at home rather than in a police station about alleged financial irregularities, Arye Avneri claims in his new book on the former Bank Hapoalim chief who committed suicide last year.

"He couldn't bear the indignity of appearing before a magistrate or going to the police lockup at Abu Kabir," Avneri told reporters at a news conference held here yesterday to launch the book, *Character Assassination*.

The book concerns Levinson's involvement in Israel's arms trade with Iran. Koor's Soltam company had sold millions of dollars worth of weapons to Iran before the rise of Khomeini, and former Koor director-general Naphtali Blumenthal admitted to the police that he had personally paid sums of money to certain persons in Iran.

Avneri then asks: "Did Levinson (as chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim, which would have been involved in financing Soltam's trade with Iran) go from country to country with a briefcase full of money to settle the financing of these arms deals? Did he make use of numbered accounts to transfer bribes? Did he make use of this money for party purposes?"

The author concludes that there is no way of knowing the answer to these questions, as Levinson provided the bank comptrollers with only general information concerning the arms deals. "His big mistake," Avneri concluded, was that "he did not provide himself in advance with proof of these dealings, which were taken up by his enemies to besmirch his name."

Avneri had wanted to write a book about Levinson a year and a half before the scandal, but Levinson, a person who did not like public exposure, refused to cooperate.

However, a few days before his suicide, Levinson began dictating details about his life to Avneri and gave him access to archives so that a book could be written.

"I didn't know he was planning suicide. In fact, a few hours before his death he seemed to be in a very good mood. In retrospect, it was like someone condemned to death coming to terms with his fate," Avneri said.

Avneri claims in the book that Nissim Bachar, head of the Histadrut's auditing committee at the time, deliberately misquoted the Histadrut constitution in an attempt to prove that information about suspected irregularities in Bank Hapoalim had to be sent to the attorney-general and not investigated within the Histadrut. (He neglected to quote the proviso "except for issues with social implications" in the Histadrut constitution clause exempting bank matters from Histadrut investigation and requiring that they be referred to the government.)

Another of the many revelations in the book's more than 400 pages is that, when the party wanted Yeroham Meshel to step down as Histadrut secretary-general after Levinson's suicide, Meshel reached a secret agreement with Ya'acov Shamai of the Likud Histadrut faction under which Shamai would torpedo Kessar's election as Meshel's successor by demanding a secret ballot. The plot was foiled, Avneri claims, when it was leaked to four Labour MKs, including Kessar.

A representative of the Zmorah Bitan publishing company told *The Jerusalem Post* that an English version of the book is planned.

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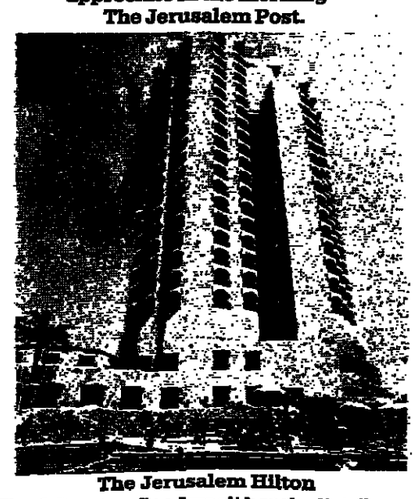

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Families wait anxiously across U.S.

CHICAGO (Reuter). – They hung a yellow ribbon atop the 30 metre high steeple of St. Margaret Mary Church in Algonquin, Illinois on Sunday and prayed for friends and family caught in an act of political violence half a world away.

In towns large and small across the U.S. the hijacked Trans World Airlines jet and its passengers were the focus of concern on a day of prayer.

In Algonquin, a village near Chicago, faithful gave thanks for the release of many of the more than two dozen parishioners who were ending a Holy Land pilgrimage when their plane was hijacked.

In Kansas City, Missouri, friends and family of the plane's pilot, veteran TWA captain John Testrake, expressed hope that his faith and his personality would pull him and the remaining captive passengers through.

"He's a cool operator, an old pro at the business of flying," Howard Hill, a local newspaper publisher, told Reuters.

He was a pilot in World War II and in Korea and he's very much in command of himself," said Hill. "He's a take-charge kind of guy."

Friends and family members also said Testrake has a very deep religious faith that should help him in the current crisis.

In St. Louis, Missouri, Elmer Zimmermann, the 88-year-old father of another crew member, Flight Engineer Benjamin Zimmermann, suffered a second heart attack and died last night after hearing that his son was aboard the hijacked jet. Zimmermann was placed in hospital last week after suffering a first attack.

In Algonquin, where around-the-clock prayer vigils had been held since the hijacking began, members of the tour group who were released earlier in the ordeal were scheduled to arrive back to join friends for a prayer service.

Family members huddled around television sets trying to pick up the latest news about the hijacking.

Residents of Algonquin and other towns near Chicago tied yellow ribbons, a sign of waiting in hope, to trees and public buildings awaiting the outcome of the hijacking.

The ringing of a telephone this afternoon and a voice from Paris, answered the prayers of a New Jersey mother who had lived with fear since the plane was seized.

Eleanor Ditchkus said her daughter, Judy Ditchkus Brown, called to say she was alive and safe after being released along with other women last night from the hijacked jet.

Brown and her husband Michael, 27, had been on their honeymoon in Europe. State Department officials said Brown was still aboard the aircraft in Beirut.

Hostage shot after beating

LONDON (AP). – An Australian family, freed from the hijacked TWA jetliner, told reporters on Sunday of the brutal beating and murder of an American hostage picked by the gunmen to show they would carry out their death threats.

William Henderson, 53, his wife Rosemary, 48, and their daughter Ruth, 16, from Melbourne, flew in to London's Heathrow Airport from Paris after being released with dozens of other hostages during one of the two stops the Boeing 727 made in Algiers.

Ruth Henderson said she was sitting beside the young American and had tried to help him after he had been beaten and then watched in horror as he was taken away to be shot.

"They dragged him out of his seat, tied his hands and then beat him up. I watched as they kicked him in the head, then they kicked him in the face and kneecaps and kept kicking him until they had broken all his ribs.

"Then they tried to knock him out with the butt of a pistol – they kept hitting him over the head but he was very strong and they couldn't knock him out."

Hijackers given a free hand at Beirut's chaotic airport

BEIRUT (Reuter). – Six aircraft hijacks have originated at Beirut Airport this year, and little stands in the way of Lebanese gunmen who wish to stage more.

The airport is still open and Lebanese Middle East Airlines planes fly in past the hijacked TWA Boeing 727 and the hulk of a Jordanian airliner destroyed by Shi'ite gunmen at the end of another hijack five days ago.

Beirut Airport controllers say the hijackers simply ask for 15 minutes warning before each flight. Druse leader Walid Jumblatt freely says he cannot control who boards the planes.

"I know that as minister of public works I am responsible for Beirut Airport," Jumblatt told reporters yesterday. "But I say frankly that responsibility is one thing and ability to carry out this responsibility is another." He added: "I call on those who are really in charge of the airport, particularly the Shi'ite Amal and Hezbollah (Party of God)...to join hands to save this institution."

Shi'ite militiamen, who rule Beirut Airport, guard the hijackers, with state security men powerless to intervene.

The hijackers easily reached Athens Airport from Beirut with a pistol and hand grenade – Beirut security checks can be superficial and the airport's metal detectors do not work.

The six hijacks originating in Beirut this year are: June 14 – Two Lebanese Shi'ites hijack the TWA Athens-Rome flight and shoot a U.S. serviceman. June 12 – A man, believed to be Palestinian, hijacks a MEA Beirut-Larnaca (Cyprus) flight. June 11 – Jordanian Alia Beirut-Amman flight hijacked by Lebanese Shi'ites. Nobody killed but airliner blown up. April 1 – A Lebanese Shi'ite hijacks MEA Beirut-Jeddah flight to demand Saudi Arabian finance for Shi'ite struggle against Israelis in South Lebanon. Feb. 23 – Druse airport immigration official hijacks MEA Beirut-Paris flight to Larnaca. Feb. 7 – More than 15 Shi'ite gunmen hold up a Cypriot Beirut-Larnaca flight on Beirut tarmac for six hours to demand release of two Shi'ites jailed in Cyprus for 1983 hijacking.

All of the hijacks have ended in Beirut and none of the hijackers are known to have been punished.

Hammer sees Gorbachev, optimistic about summit

MOSCOW (AP). – U.S. industrialist Armand Hammer said yesterday after meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev that U.S.-Soviet relations are at their lowest level in 60 years, but that he is confident a superpower summit would resolve East-West differences.

Hammer, the 87-year-old chief of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, said there had been no agreement on a date or place for a meeting between Gorbachev and President Reagan, but that the two leaders are corresponding on the question.

Hammer also said Gorbachev will not go to New York in September for the opening session of the UN General Assembly.

Hammer said Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin conveyed this to him in a meeting in Washington.

Gorbachev stressed that a summit with Reagan would have to accomplish something toward lessening international tension, but he appeared willing to participate in such discussions, Hammer said.

"He said they are in contact with Washington on the subject but it has not been decided when or where to meet, Hammer said.

Hammer said he thought U.S.-Soviet relations "are probably at the lowest level I've seen in the 60-odd years I have been associated with Russian-American relations."

"But I'm hoping things will improve with Mr. Gorbachev," he said. "I'm very impressed with him."

He described the 54-year-old Gorbachev, who has been Soviet Party leader for just over three months, as "forthright, with a good sense of humour and pragmatic.

"When he and President Reagan meet, and I am sure they will, a lot of good will come from this meeting," Hammer said.

PETROL. – A sudden shortage of petrol in Bulgaria has caused long queues at fuel stations and sparked rumours about major supply problems.

Saudi prince in orbit as astronauts test laser

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). – The space shuttle Discovery rocketed into orbit yesterday with five American astronauts, a French test pilot and a Saudi Arabian prince, for a mission that will include a "Star Wars" laser test and a hunt for a "black hole" in space.

During seven days in space, the crew will deploy three communications satellites, owned by AT and T, the Mexican government and a consortium of 22 Arab nations. Also aboard are two French medical experiments, three West German technology experiments and a Canadian-built robot arm.

In all, 27 nations are involved in the mission.

The crew, commanded by Dan Brandenstein, includes Saudi Prince Sultan Salman al-Saud, a nephew of King Fahd, and Patrick Baudry, a French military pilot. The others are pilot John Creighton and mission specialists Shannon Lucid, John Fabian and Steve Nagel.

The prince is flying as part of a programme in which Nasa offers major shuttle customers an opportunity to fly as observers. His training cost about $80,000.

Each of the satellite owners is paying Nasa about $11 million for the shuttle delivery service.

The prince will observe deployment of the Arab satellite and snap pictures of his homeland that could disclose hidden sources of oil, minerals and other resources.

Today is the last day of Ramadan, the month observed by Moslems with a dawn-to-dusk fast and whose end is determined by sighting the crescent of the new moon. From his vantage point in space, the prince may be the first Moslem to see the crescent.

The first of the satellites, Mexico's Morelos-A, was to be released from Discovery's cargo bay later yesterday. Arabsat-1B will be dropped off today and AT and T's Telstar 3D on Wednesday.

Also aboard is a fourth satellite, Spartan-1, which Lucid and Fabian are to deploy on Thursday and retrieve on Saturday. Spartan will examine what may be a "black hole" lurking in the centre of the Milky Way, devouring stars, cosmic dust and gas at a rapid rate.

Pretoria defies UN, grants local power to Namibians

WINDHOEK, Namibia (Reuter). – South Africa handed local government power to internal parties in Namibia yesterday in defiance of world opinion.

At an inaugural ceremony, South African President P.W. Botha blamed the UN and black nationalist guerrillas for delays in granting independence to the territory.

The controversial new administration brings together whites and blacks from the vast region's population of one million, but has been rejected by Swapo (South West Africa People's Organization), which has been fighting a 19-year-old bush war against Pretoria's rule.

Botha said: "The fact that South West Africa (Namibia) has not yet acceded to independence may be ascribed to the deviations by the UN and Swapo from the original Contact Group proposal, to the UN's continuing bias in favour of Swapo, and to the continuing threat posed by the presence of more than 30,000 Cuban troops in Angola."

The Contact Group, comprising the U.S., Britain, West Germany, France and Canada, hammered out UN Resolution 435, which in 1978 laid down independence guidelines for Namibia.

The official proclamation, signed before several dozen local dignitaries, was preceded by a massive show of force by South African-led security forces along Windhoek's streets.

U.S. officials ordered not to speak to SA

CAPE TOWN (Reuter). – The U.S. has told its embassy staff in South Africa not to meet or talk with government ministers or officials in protest against a raid by Pretoria's troops into Botswana, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

South Africa said the raid last Friday on Gaborone, Botswana's capital, in which 15 people died, was aimed against African National Congress (ANC) members, the main guerrilla group fighting white rule in South Africa.

The attack prompted an international outcry and Washington recalled its ambassador from South Africa for consultations as a sign of its displeasure.

U.S. Embassy staff have now been told not to meet or talk to government ministers or other senior officials and a U.S. Independence Day party planned for July 4 has been cancelled, the sources said.

Two U.S. officials reporting directly to Secretary of State George Shultz recently visited South Africa to review U.S. policy towards the country, the sources said.

State-controlled Radio South Africa said Pretoria would have been justified in taking stronger action against Botswana itself for allegedly allowing the ANC to operate from its territory.

Botswana denied allowing the ANC to use its territory as a springboard for attacks on South Africa.

Dentures to improve imams' sermons

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuter). – Moslem priests in Malaysia's Perak state are getting free false teeth to help them put more bite into their sermons.

The state government said it would help 46 imams buy dentures after complaints from the public that toothless priests just could not chant verses from the Koran.

GIBRALTAR. – Spain and Britain are nearing agreement on joint operation of Gibraltar Airport, paving the way for direct air links between Spain and the rock colony.

Swastika painted on home of television actor Ed Asner

LOS ANGELES (AP). – Actor Ed Asner, hoping to avoid "more hate in the world," declined comment on anti-Semitic vandalism that occurred at his apartment while he was out of town for the weekend, his publicist said yesterday.

A swastika and a slogan reading "Kill Jews" were spray-painted late Friday at the home of the *Lou Grant* television series star, police said.

Several hours later, an anonymous caller told the Associated Press: "This is the National Socialistic Liberation Front. We claim responsibilty for the vandalism and spray-painting of the home of the Jewish Communist pig Ed Asner."

"Heil Hitler" the man added and hung up.

A similar call was received by another news service, and the caller threatened to escalate attacks on Asner, who is Jewish, if the Screen Actors Guild President continues his political activities, a police source said.

The source said the swastika and slogan were painted on the door of Asner's Studio City home. He was unaware of any other incidents involving the apparent neo-Nazi group.

The actor has been vocal for a number of liberal political causes, including pro-Israel activities and a recent effort to promote food self-sufficiency in Africa, but his publicist said yesterday that Asner did not wish to comment on the vandalism.

Moslem nations amnesty prisoners for Id al-Fitr

AMMAN (AP). – King Hussein marked the end of the holy month of Ramadan yesterday by declaring a partial amnesty for almost 1,900 prison inmates, the state news agency reported.

The king signed a royal decree, agreed upon by the cabinet, to halve the sentences of all criminals except for murderers, rapists and spies.

Saudi Arabia has freed 896 prisoners under a royal amnesty marking the Id al-Fitr feast at the end of Ramadan, the official Saudi press agency said.

The Bangladesh government said yesterday it would release 202 prisoners on Thursday to mark Id al-Fitr.

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Egypt may halt 'urban drift' to Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter). – Egypt may soon take the drastic step of virtually banning migration from the countryside to grossly overcrowded Cairo to stem an acute case of "urban drift."

A statistic often used to illustrate the scale of urban crisis in Egypt's capital is that its leaky sewers, dating from the turn of the century, were planned to cope with the effluent of two million inhabitants. There are now nearly 12 million.

City Governor Yussef Sabri Abu Taleb said recently the number is rising by 1,000 a day. Unchecked, there will be 20 million Cairenes by the end of the century.

Egypt's birth rate is among the world's highest at 2.8 per cent a year. But Egytians in Cairo have fewer than those in the countryside. The average Cairo family has three children against a national average of more than five.

Taleb concludes, therefore, that the way to save his city is to tackle "urban drift" – the tendency of rural peasants in many developing countries to move to the big cities in search of a better life.

He says he plans to propose to a coming conference on local administration that subsidized necessities such as bread, available in state shops for two U.S. cents a loaf, should be sold in Cairo on presentation of ration cards which would be issued only to genuine residents.

Non-residents would also not get school places for their children, government jobs, cheap state housing or loans to build or buy homes. Vagrants would be trucked out by police.

Among Taleb's strongest arguments in pressing for curbs on migration will be that it robs agriculture of labour. In many villages the government has found that half the men are away working in Cairo or oil-rich Persian Gulf states.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 School Broadcasts 14.30 Belfy and Lillibit 15.00 The Dreyfuss Affair (part 2) 15.40 Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No.6 16.00 Rainbow 16.30 No Secrets 16.50 My Maccabiah 17.00 A New Evening – live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Maya the Bee
17.55 Sports

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
16.32 Cartoons
18.45 What's the Answer?
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Condo. Part 3 of a 13-part American Series about neighbours in a block of flats: The Marriage
20.30 Kolbotek
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Second Look – news commentary and background
22.10 The Lost Tribe. Part 2 of a 6-part British serial about a young Jew fleeing Russian pogroms. Starring Frank Baker and Beth Paterson: There are no Scotch Jews
23.05 Quotation Mark – literary programme introduced by Yaron London
23.45 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Up the Elephant and round the Castle 21.10 A Shroud for a Nightingale 22.00 News in English 22.20 Film

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.00 Westbrook Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Inspector Gadget 17.30 Flying House 18.00 Battlestar Galactica 19.00 News 20.00 Riptide 21.00 Another Life 21.30 Movie 23.30 700 Club 24.00 News Update 00.30 Eventide
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ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Morning Melodies
7.07 Bach-Rachmaninoff: Partita in E major; Granados: Escenas Poeticas; Chopin: Impromptu No.1 in A-flat major
7.30 Mozart: Divertimento for Violin, Viola and Cello in E-flat major, K.536; Pergolesi: Flute Concerto No.1 in G major (Rampal, Stuttgart, Munchinger); Verdi: 2 Preludes from La Traviata; Chopin: Piano Concerto No.2 in F minor, Op.21; Donizetti: Aria from Lucia di Lammermoor (Callas); Liszt: Mephisto Waltz
9.30 Bach: Cantata No. 128; Fodor: Symphony No.4 in C minor (Haag, Dorati); Rossini: William Tell, overture; Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No.3 in D minor (Horowitz, Philadelphia, Ormandy)
12.05 Schubert: String Quartet No.3 in B-flat major; Brahms: Trio for Violin, Piano and Horn in E-flat major
13.00 Bizet: Jeux d'enfants; Paganini: La Primavera; Mozart: Piano Quartet in G minor, K.478; Schubert: Der Hirt auf dem Felsen; Mercadante: Andante and Variations for Clarinet in B-flat major; Gounod: Symphony No.1 in D major
16.00 Smetana: Hakon Jarl (IPO, Walter); Berwald: Piano Concerto, Op.9; Joseps: Symphony No.5, Op.75; M. Haydn: Adagio and Allegro for Horn and Trombone; Bartok: The Miraculous Mandarin (Philadelphia, Ormandy)
18.30 Beethoven Sonatas – Op.12/1 in D major; Op.30/1 in A major; Op.30/2 in C minor
20.05 Haydn: Piano Trio in F major (Beaux Arts); Gershwin: 3 Preludes
20.30 IPO and Raymond Leppard – Purcell: Purcell Cabaret; Brahms: Piano Concerto No.1 in C minor, Op.15 (Weissenberg)
22.30 Donald Grantham: The Night on the Island
23.00 Puccini struggles with Turandot (repeat)

First Programme
6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Encounter – live family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Oriental songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.06 Children's programmes
15.25 Education for all
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Books are Friends
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everyman's University
18.10 Songs which last Forever
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Talmud Lesson
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Two by Two

Second Programme
6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.50 Green Light – drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning – news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network
12.10 Open Line – news and music
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.06 Matters of Interest – with Gabi Gazit
15.05 Magic Moments – favourite old songs
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
18.06 Health and Medicine Magazine
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.30 New World – environment magazine
20.05 Cantoral Requests
22.05 Folk song
23.05 Quizzes

Army
6.10 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "707" – with Eitan Lifschitz
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
11.05 The Old Days – with Orly Yaniv
13.15 Israeli Style – with Eli Yisraeli
15.05 What's Doing – with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Economics Magazine
19.05 Radio Radio – with Yoav Kutner
20.05 Not Only Rock
21.00 Mabat – TV Newsreel
21.30 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Classical Favourite – with Pinhas Idan
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Museums

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TEL AVIV 5, 7.30, 9.30
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HERZLIYA
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HOLON
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BAT YAM
Atzmaut: Missing in Action II 5.30, 7.30, 9.30

Sports

Mickey-Doron feu

By DON GOULD

TEL AVIV. – There are clear indications of a feud brewing between Maccabi Tel Aviv's new additions Doron Jamchee and their perennial all-star Mickey Berkowitz.

Jamchee, playing for Maccabi Ramat Gan, has been the rising young star of the National Basketball League. He finished this past season top of the league scoring averaging 35 points per game. Maccabi Tel Aviv bought his contract and now Jamchee will join Mickey Berkowitz in the coming season.

Berkowitz, approaching the twilight of a great career, played on the same team with Jamchee for the first time when both participated in the national team in the European championship.

Doron Jamchee has already made his mark on the European basketball scene. He was just beaten out by Yugoslavia's great young guard Drazan Petrovitch, of the title of high scorer of the tournament, when Petrovitch canned 34 points in his team's victory over Bulgaria on the last day to take his tally to 2 compared with Jamchee's 197. Berkowitz was low down on the list of scorers.

The results didn't please Mickey, who claimed Jamchee got more playing time than he deserved, and that he, Mickey, was not given enough. The veteran Maccabi ace stated that he usually averages 15 to 20 shots at the basket during the tournament, he averaged only nine in seven. Mickey complained that Jamchee never stopped shooting, nor was he taken out of the game when he hit a cold spell. Berkowitz emphasized that plays practised in preparation for the tournament were never used.

Zvi Sherf, who is both the coach of the national team and of Maccabi Tel Aviv, refused comment on the issue.

The final standings of the 12-team tournament are: 1. Soviet Union; 2. Czechoslovakia; 3. Italy; 4. Spain; 5. Germany; 6. France; 7. Yugoslavia; 8. Bulgaria; 9. Israel; 10. Rumania; 11. Poland; 12. Holland.

Willie's wonder jump

INDIANAPOLIS (Reuter). – Willie Banks, the effervescent American who has made the triple jump a popular spectator attraction, shattered the world record at the US Athletics Championships with a leap of 17.97 metres.

Banks's jump eclipsed the previous record of 17.89 metres set by Brazil's Joao de Oliveira in the high altitude of Mexico City on October 15, 1975.

England on top

Post Sports Staff

Despite a fighting partnership between Andrew Hilditch (80) and Kepler Wessels (
England are completely on top at the end of the fourth day of the first cricket Test against Australia, at Leeds. Australia, 202 behind, were 190 for 5 when bad light stopped play.

Earlier, Paul Downton (54) and Norman Cowans (22 not out) enjoyed a merry last wicket partnership of 49 in rapid time, to take England's total from 484 for 9 overnight to 533 all out. Australia were 151 for 2 at tea, with Hilditch and Border batting, but both of them and Ritchie, fell victims to Emburey and Botham shortly after the interval. The Australians' only real hope is that rain will wash out the last day's play.

Joint top seeds

LONDON. (Reuter). – Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd, who betweeen them have broken numerous women's tennis records, made history again yesterday when they were named joint first seeds for next week's Wimbledon championships. For the first time in the championships' history, the All England club's seeding committee failed to pick an outright favourite for the women's singles title.

Anders Gomez of Ecuador has withdrawn owing to an arm injury. Hana Mandlikova, seeded No. 3 at Wimbledon after Navratilova and Lloyd, was beaten 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 by qualifier Carina Karlsson of Sweden in the Eastbourne Women's Championship, where Mandlikova was playing her first game on grass this year.

Seedings
Men: 1. McEnroe; 2. Lendl; 3. Connors; Wilander; 5. Jarryd; 6. Cash; 7. Nystrom; Curren; 9. Krick; 10. Krickstein; 11. Noah; Mecir; 13. Teltscher; 14. Edberg; 15. Smid; Mayotte.
Women: 1. Navratilova and Evert-Lloyd; Mandlikova; 4. Maleeva; 5. Shriver; 6. Kohde Kilsch (who may withdraw owing to appendicitis); 7. Sukova; 8. Garrison; 9. Gadusek; Jordan; 11. Graf; 12. Lindquist; 13. Bassett; Rinaldi; 15. Sabatini; 16. Rinaldi.

Junior champs

TEL AVIV. – Haifaite Roy Welzberg won the boys' under-14 singles and doubles titles in Tokyo over the weekend at the Asian Zone preliminaries of the International Tennis Federation's third annual "Sport Goofy" World Junior Championships.

In the finals of the 11-nation tournament, the young Israeli came through 6-2, 6-1 against Indonesian champion Kashima Nas. In what was a rare sporting encounter between the two countries. He and teammate Yuval Hirsch defeated a Japanese pair in the doubles final.

The two Israelis now go on to the world championships, which take place in September at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

North edges Chen

BIRMINGHAM, Michigan (Reuter). – Andy North, in a round he said was characterized by "guts and determination," hung on yesterday to win the 85th U.S. Open by one stroke from three-round leader Chen Tze-Chung of Taiwan, who gave up seven strokes to par in the final round. North's total score was 279.

Three players finished tied for third at 28
Seve Ballesteros, Lanny Wadkins and Peter Stewart.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER. – Brazil beat Paraguay 2-0 in World Cup South American Group Three and Argentina defeated Colombia 1-0 in Group One. Both only need one more point to qualify. Peru trounced Venezuela 4-1 to keep their hopes in Group One alive.

BADMINTON. – China tightened their grip on badminton by winning the men's singles and women's singles and women's doubles at the World Championships at Calgary. In the men's singles, underdog Han Jian came from behind to overcome the expected winner, Morten Frost of Denmark, 14-18, 15-10, 15-8.

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Opening the flood gates

Neil Cohen and Matthew Kalman detail the anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic excesses in Britain that followed Israel's involvement in Lebanon.

THE LEBANON WAR in 1982 was the spark which ignited a furnace of hatred towards Israel. And the flames, carefully fanned by the organizational anti-Zionist bellows, spread quickly across the British political stage. After the massacres at Sabra and Shatilla, they threatened to engulf the entire spectrum of British public opinion.

Reporting of the war seemed to the Jewish community to be motivated by wilful ignorance and deliberate distortion. In the early weeks of the war, the chairman of the National Union of Journalists' broadcasting committee admitted in the union's paper, *The Journalist*, that, "In the Lebanese invasion there were no less than 15 significant stories in the past week which had important facts later demonstrated to be wrong."

This misreporting reached its lowest point in the week following September 18, when 450 Palestinians were butchered by a Lebanese Phalange unit.

The mass-circulation *Daily Star* was not exceptional in its front-page banner headline and accompanying story, which read simply: "BARBARIC – The horrified world last night condemned Israel over the massacre of 1,000 Palestinian refugees in West Beirut."

The "quality" press, while reproducing the distortions of the tabloids, went one step further and launched a major investigation into the state of the Jewish conscience in the light of Lebanon. As maverick Jewish politicians, encouraged by organized anti-Zionist Jews in various Trotskyist groups, bared their souls in public to the evident glee of *The Times* and other papers, Britain's Jewish community began to be singled out for its alleged "responsibility" for civilian deaths in Lebanon.

As the *Jewish Chronicle* columnist Philip Kleinman wrote: "Suddenly the world is taking an enormous interest in the Jewish conscience. Newspapers which never dreamed of commenting on how the recent Syrian massacre at Hama or the enormities perpetrated by the Iranian and Iraqi regimes measured up against the ethical tenets of Islam are condemning Israeli actions in the name of Judaism."

This association between the Jewish community and the Israeli military authorities' actions, as distorted by the press, aroused the fear that the Jews of Britain might be regarded as somehow deserving of different treatment from other sections of the British people.

This fear was realized when, in an editorial for which it was forced later to publish a rare and grovelling apology, *The Times* went so far as to refer to British Jews as "expatriates."

THE STRANGE blurring of the distinction between Anglo-Jewry and the mythical mass-murderers of Israel conjured up by the British media had repercussions which were not confined to print. As early as August 1982, the Manchester *Jewish Telegraph* reported that "Anti-Semitic attacks in Britain have more than doubled recently as extreme right-wing groups take advantage of the anti-Israel publicity following the invasion of Lebanon."

Across the political spectrum, the extreme left took the opportunity to launch an unprecedented attack on Israel and its Jewish supporters. Over 50 student campuses were hit by a concerted anti-Israel campaign, culminating in the rousing reception given to Yasser Arafat's brother, Dr. Fathi Arafat, who flew in to address the National Union of Students conference in December 1982.

'Over 50 student campuses were hit by a concerted anti-Israel campaign, culminating in the rousing reception given to Yasser Arafat's brother, Fathi Arafat (above), who flew in to addres the National Union of Students conference in December 1982' (Camera Press)

The effect of the extremists now began to be felt towards the moderate centre of British politics, just as anti-Israel sentiment had infected mainstream of the British press.

In September 1982, the Labour Party annual conference passed a resolution – against the advice of its own national executive – calling for recognition of the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians" and the establishment of a "secular democratic State of Palestine" in place of Israel.

By April 1983, several trade unions had passed conference resolutions attacking Israel and threatening it with a boycott. The Association of Cinematographic, Television and Allied Technicians – the union of the TV film-crews – was encouraged into its boycott by Israeli anti-Zionist Haim Bereshit, a member of the expatriate Israeli Trotskyist group, *Matzpen*.

IN LONDON, events took a particularly sinister turn under the patronage of the leader of the Greater London Council (GLC), Ken Livingstone. He helped to launch the Labour Committee on Palestine, a body which united "moderate" Labour MPs like Harry Cohen of Hackney and anti-Zionist activist Tony Greenstein.

Livingstone went on to make a number of highly offensive remarks about Israel, Jews and the Holocaust, and as editor of the *Labour Herald* he published a cartoon of Menachem Begin in Nazi uniform giving a Nazi salute over a pile of corpses. This was referred to the government for prosecution under the Race Relations Act.

Livingstone's anti-Israel tirade came to a head during the GLC's *Anti-Racist Year in 1984*, when he granted over £3,000 to a PLO-inspired Conference on Anti-Arab Racism in London. Even the Jewish Socialist Group, a non-Zionist Jewish body itself supported by Livingstone, joined the chorus of outrage:

"The conference programme makes it clear that the organizers consider the principal cause of anti-Arab racism in London to be 'Zionism' and that the main thrust of the conference is to be criticism of Israel and its alleged influence."

The Lebanon War therefore marked a turning-point in the development of anti-Zionism in Britain. Radical anti-Israel sentiment seeped out of its traditional confines on the edge of society and polluted the bastions of moderate opinion and politics, which gathered together with the extremists in such umbrella groups as the Emergency Committee Against the Israeli Invasion of Lebanon. By 1985, anti-Israel sentiment was such that even the Ethiopian rescue mission was held to be somehow "racist" and deplorable.

BY FAR the most serious aspect of this episode was the blurring of the long-maintained distinction between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. The classic example came with the publication of a book of Lebanon photographs called *God Cried*. Roald Dahl, author of children's books and suspense stories, wrote a review for the Arab-owned *Quarterly Review* which revealed a hitherto unknown side to his personality: Dahl's offensiveness was compounded by later statements to the press, which included the unforgivable judgment that "Hitler didn't kill the Jews for no reason at all" and that Jews were themselves responsible for anti-Semitic hatred.

In normal circumstances, this piece would have been roundly condemned. Indeed, the *Spectator* denounced it as the worst example of journalistic anti-Semitism seen in Britain for years. But over at the weekly *Time Out* magazine – an entertainments review with soft left leanings – the editors worked into the night to reproduce Dahl's article with the most offensive anti-Semitic passages carefully edited out in order to sanitize it for public consumption.

This occurred in September 1983. In January 1984, *The Times* hit a new low when its Middle East expert, Edward Mortimer, penned a favourable review of a Trotskyist hate tract suggesting that the Zionists had "collaborated" with the Nazis during the Holocaust as a matter of policy.

In other words, the Lebanon War had opened the floodgates. Men like Mortimer, who is described by his former editor Harold Evans as keeping a picture of Arafat on his wall, were given *carte blanche* to extend their anti-Israel venom to the field of Holocaust history in the august pages of Britain's most prestigious newspaper.

Elsewhere, the doctrine that Zionism-equals-racism, that Israel should be destroyed, and that "Zionists" should be denied the opportunity of even presenting their views, began to infect the institutions of British public activity, from the women's magazine *Spare Rib* to church groups, trade unions and the Houses of Parliament. And as the cancer spread, it carried with it a desensitizing agent which tended to blur the boundary between legitimate criticism of Israel and outright anti-Semitism.

With the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, the time has now come to try to assess the damage done to British public opinion by the war and responses to it.

The "traditional" Israel, once again hopefully safe behind its own border in the north and searching for full peace on its other fronts, needs to be presented to the public in a more forceful and sophisticated manner than ever before.

The era of Lebanon has created in the minds of an entire generation of young people in Britain a demonic image created by the distortions of the politicians and pressmen. Let us hope that the withdrawal will usher in an era of quiet and normality, in which the image of Israel's policies abroad will give no spark to the dry tinder of anti-Zionist hatred.

(This is the second of two articles.)
Matthew Kalman, a former head of the Jewish students association in Britain now lectures at the Hebrew University.

The verdict is still guilty

LAW REPORT
Asher Felix Landau

IN THE Supreme Court before the deputy-president, Justice Miriam Ben-Porat, in the matter between Amos Ben Halfo Baranes, applicant, versus the State of Israel, respondent (Retrial 8/84).

THE APPLICANT was convicted in the District Court of the murder of Rahel Heller, and his appeal to the Supreme Court was dismissed. The Supreme Court also rejected his application for a rehearing of the appeal, and he applied for a retrial under section 9(a) of the Courts Law of 1957 (now section 3 of the Consolidated Version of that Law of 1984).

That section empowers the president or deputy-president of the Supreme Court to order a retrial where, *inter alia*, there is new evidence of which the sentenced person could not have known, and which may show that he did not commit the offence for which he was convicted. This application was also dismissed.

The applicant continued to protest his innocence, and the Ministry of Justice conducted a new and independent investigation of all the relevant material. Nevertheless, the attorney-general declined to request a retrial, so the applicant himself again applied for a retrial.

The application was heard before Justice Miriam Ben-Porat. There was some doubt, she said, whether all the evidence upon which the application was based was "new" within the meaning of the section, and also whether, in some instances, it was right to say that the applicant could not have known of the evidence at the time of his trial.

Moreover, there was doubt as to the admissibility of some of the "new" evidence. However, she would consider all the evidence now relied upon, assuming it was all admissible, and that the above requirements of the section had been fulfilled.

BARANES had confessed to the crime and had also reconstructed it, and the first question that arose was whether Chief Superintendent Marcus, who was in charge of the investigation, was present at the reconstruction. He had said he was not present, but others had said he was. Marcus had been convicted of perjury in regard to this point, but had been acquitted on appeal.

Even assuming, however, that he had been present at the reconstruction, she agreed with the judges in the Marcus trial that this fact could have had no influence on the verdict in the trial of Baranes.

Another matter related to the evidence of the government pathologist, Dr. Bloch. Baranes had alleged that his confession had been extorted from him by the police, who had given him strong blows with their fists, and he was examined by Dr. Bloch. In his original statement Dr. Bloch had not mentioned that Baranes had complained to him at the time of the examination that he had been assaulted by the police, whereas in a later statement he had said that Baranes did so complain, a detail which he had simply forgotten previously. The fact was, however, Justice Ben-Porat continued, that no signs of violence whatever had been found in the examination, which was difficult to believe if Baranes had been assaulted as he alleged. The contradiction in Dr. Bloch's statements, therefore, was completely unimportant.

During the original investigation, the deputy-president continued, a statement had been given by one Buchbut, who said that he had travelled with Baranes by bus on a certain night. In a subsequent statement, however, he said he was mistaken and gave a different date for the journey in question. For some reason the second statement had not been produced by the police, and counsel for Baranes had asked the court to draw an inference in his favour from this omission, and from the contradiction. It was true that Baranes could only have committed the murder and hidden the victim's body and belongings if he had travelled at the time in a private vehicle. However, neither of the dates given by Buchbut was that of the murder, so the contradiction in his statements, and the non-production of the second statement, could have had no effect on the result.

Justice Ben-Porat also pointed out that in his efforts to create an alibi, Baranes had also said that he had spent the night in question with one Fadida, who had denied this. He had also said that he spent the night at home, but neither of his parents had been called at his trial to support this version.

BARANES had said in his confession that while fondling the deceased he had removed her shirt. The shirt, however, was stained with blood and other material, a statement that proved, so it was contended, that the confession was unreliable. This argument too was untenable, for there were many possibilities as to how the shirt became stained after the murder.

In the investigation by the Ministry of Justice, a report had been filed showing that the particles of sand at the place indicated by Baranes as the scene of the murder were different from those found on the victim's body and belongings. However, Baranes had said that since it was dark, he was not sure that the place he had shown was the right one; and in any event the report in question had been contradicted by a subsequent one received by the ministry.

It had also been argued that the police had misled Baranes' counsel at his trial by not disclosing that the victim's handbag had been examined for fingerprints, and those of Baranes had not been found there.

However, no inference could be drawn from the absence of fingerprints on an article, and in fact even the fingerprints of the man who had found the bag and handed it to the police were not found upon it. The position would be otherwise if the police had failed to disclose a positive finding of a suspect's fingerprints on an article, but the absence of his fingerprints was quite inconclusive.

Counsel had also relied on the fact that the report of a polygraph test undergone by his client had disappeared or been deliberately concealed. However, Justice Ben-Porat said, she would draw no inference from the disappearance of a document after so many years – since 1974 – and, moreover, it was also impossible to know at this stage who or what had caused the report to disappear. Finally, counsel had relied on the statements of three young men who had seen someone closely resembling the victim, and wearing similar clothes, about 9.30 on the night of the murder, far from where it took place, and who had not testified at the trial. The murder, however, had been committed after midnight, and it was clear, moreover, that no reliance could be placed on Baranes' estimates of the times of his movements that night.

JUSTICE Ben-Porat emphasized that she had carefully weighed the cumulative effect of all the evidence before her, including what was before the trial court, and also the evidence which was then available but had not been used. She had so acted because it was clear that the continued protestations of innocence by a man after so thorough an investigation raised doubts in many minds whether Baranes had perhaps been the victim of a legal error or of police fabrication. Her conclusion was, however, that there was no basis for a retrial. Baranes' conviction was well-founded and nothing had been brought before her to alter that conclusion.

In conclusion, Justice Ben-Porat commended the Ministry of Justice and Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp, who, assisted by the head of the Investigations Department of the police, had probed every possible fact that could perhaps create doubt as to Baranes' guilt. Although his sentence of life imprisonment had been commuted to 12 years, there was no doubt that he suffered greatly for what he did.

In her estimation, he finds it so difficult to live with the knowledge that he committed this crime that he tries to persuade himself that the whole incident never occurred. In these circumstances, it would be wise for him to receive professional help in connection with his mental state.

For the above reasons, the application was dismissed.

Advocate Shlomo Toussia-Cohen appeared for the applicant, and Senior Assistant State Attorney Ruth Rabin for the State.

The judgment was given on March 18, 1985.

Glorious quintets

MUSIC
Benjamin Bar-Am

CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC, the Yuval Trio: Yonatan Zak, piano; Uri Pianka, violin; Simha Heled, cello with Yigal Taneh, violin; Miriam, viola, and Ella Yampolsky, cello (Tel Aviv Museum, June 15). Schumann: Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op.44; Schubert: String Quintet in C major, Op.163.

WITH concerts at the Tel Aviv Museum almost over, one can say with certainty that this was one of the most beautiful chamber music concerts of the season. We not only listened to two of the most glorious chamber music pieces ever composed, whose every tone seemed heavenly bliss, but also to a performance that did more than justice to these wondrous creations.

The Yuval Trio, with the addition of the three players, indeed reached new heights of beauty and accomplishment. The performance was technically perfect, and emotional content was utterly exciting throughout the whole evening. Tutti sections were vigorous and orchestral in scope. Contrapuntal passages, when instruments have to sing out their individual parts, flowed as naturally as one could imagine, and homophonic interludes blended with bewitching grace.

It must be emphasized that *all* seven players contributed equally to the great sucess. However, one feels it necessary to mention Uri Pianka, particularly for his work in the Schubert Adagio. Nothing so delicate or so rich in imaginative beauty was in our memory when we arrived to listen to these two quintets. Pianka was so strongly immersed in pain and tragedy that one almost stopped breathing. Such inspiration is rarely encountered.

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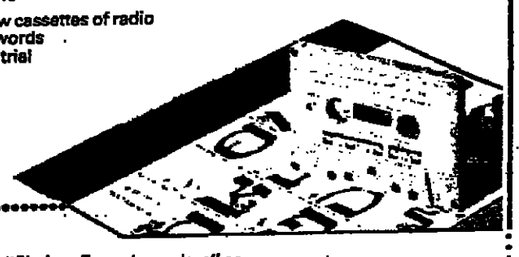
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World oil market shows strain as prices drop

LONDON (Reuter). – The fragile oil market showed new signs of strain yesterday with reports of price cuts by Mexico and China and a drop in Opec output to a 20-year low last month.

And with Opec again gearing up to try to restore some order to the market, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Yamani raised the spectre of world prices plunging below $20 a barrel unless other producers in the 13-nation group stopped cheating in the scramble to maintain market shares.

Oil traders in Rotterdam reported that Mexico had cut the price of its Maya heavy crude blend from $25.50 to $24 a barrel, in an apparent attempt to woo back customers who had gone to the free or spot market in search of cheaper supplies.

China, like Mexico a non-member of Opec (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), has cut the price of its light oil by $.60 to $26.75 a barrel, according to Tokyo traders. China's crude exports, most of which go to Japan, have boomed lately, rising by almost 50 per cent in 1984.

The price of Britain's North Sea Brent crude for July delivery fell $.20 to $25.90 a barrel on the European spot market yesterday. Traders said business was quiet and nervous.

In its effort to steady the market over the past few months, Opec had put a squeeze on production and the Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) said yesterday the group's total output plunged to 14.5 million barrels per day (bpd) in May.

This level, less than half the group's 1979 level of output, was "unprecedented in the past two decades," according to the Nicosia-based newsletter – and well below Opec's self-imposed ceiling of 16 million bpd.

While Saudi Arabia has shouldered nearly all the recent output cuts, Oil Minister Yamani has now signalled it will not continue to do so if other Opec members persist in flouting their production quotas by discounting prices, engaging in barter deals and selling on the spot market.

He told the New York-based Petroleum Intelligence Weekly the kingdom would not reduce output further and warned: "If we increase production, the prices will start dropping... We do not think prices will come down to $26 or $25 a barrel. Prices will fall below $20."

Opec ministers meet in Vienna on July 5, when they are to try again to structure their prices and output in a way that will stabilize the world market.

While the falling price of oil has helped the balance of payments of non-Communist oil-importing nations, economists are worried about the effect on heavily-indebted oil producers such as Nigeria, Mexico and Venezuela.

There have also been warnings from within major oil companies that falling prices would cut the impetus to explore and develop new supplies, leading once again to a situation where the world was dependent for its needs on a limited number of sources – most of them within Opec.

The Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) said yesterday that its members in the industrial West had to make major investments in energy resources to avoid a new oil crisis in the next decade.

With oil output from members' known fields having probably peaked and gas production likely to fall after 1990, the IEA annual report warned that "to maintain sufficient production levels and enhance longer-term supply security, considerable exploration and development efforts are needed now."

Industrialists seek to boost Israeli sales to U.S. military

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – An introduction to Israel's industrial strengths and potentials to be followed in the next few days by on-the-spot factory presentations – was given yesterday to a visiting 12-man delegation of American acquisition experts, most of them in the military field.

The visitors, led by Undersecretary of Defence Talbot Lindstrom, were guests of the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce, the Defence Ministry and the Manufacturers Association. Arye Makleff, president of the Israel-America Chamber, chaired the meetings, while Aluf (res.) Y.S. Bareket was moderator.

The goal of the Israelis was to penetrate the huge American military market, which buys goods of all types of about $140 billion a year. This market was opened to Israelis in 1977 when the first Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed. But Israelis have sold only a few hundred million dollars worth of goods, even though the first MOA and the second one signed in 1984, gave Israelis (as well as a dozen other nations) the right to compete with American companies on a near-equal footing.

The presentations by the Israelis yesterday ranged over a dozen subjects, many of them, such as pharmaceuticals, furniture, rubber, food and textiles, which could only be considered military by extension. Others, such as electronics and heavy metals, were definitely military or semi-military in nature.

Shlomo Nir, of Tadiran, who has cracked the U.S. military market, spoke of the problems of selling to Americans, especially of the need to find an American partner with whom to team up. "Such a partner is hard to find – for he more often than not is a competitor," Nir said. Nevertheless, he said, it was possible – though difficult – to sell to the American military.

Aharon Schwartz of Teva noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regularly inspected Teva's production methods, while Haim Yaron (Cyclone aviation products) pointed out that his firm had won approval by both Boeing and General Dynamics.

Col. James McDonald, director of the Middle East and Southwest Asia affairs division of the U.S. Department of Defence, told the Israelis: "You have to remember above all that you must make your products known to the American buyers. After all, you are competing with some 50,000 American suppliers – who are known to the American military establishment."

Zvi Plada of the Manufacturers Association, said Israeli industry would have to find ways to penetrate the American military market, saying: "We have to succeed, for orders by the Israeli government are drying up, and we have to keep our factories functioning."

Maxwell saves Sinclair

LONDON (Reuter). – British inventor Sir Clive Sinclair is giving up control of his ailing home computer firm Sinclair Research as part of a £12 million rescue deal financed by publisher Robert Maxwell.

Sinclair, who designed the first electronic pocket calculator and counts a miniature television and electric tricycle among his other innovative products, expressed satisfaction with the agreement announced Sunday, under which a new managing director will be appointed.

"I do not feel hurt by not being in control, Sinclair said. "The company will be far more secure with this sort of management structure, because I am not a management type.

The flamboyant Maxwell, who made the deal the top headline in his tabloid newspaper *The Mirror*, will gain 75 per cent of a new share issue and become chairman of the company. He will also have to find a way to deal with Sinclair's huge stock of unsold computers, caused by a sharp downturn in demand.

JAKARTA. – Indonesia announces that the World Bank has approved two loans totalling $271 million to support Jakarta's migration programme and to help improve ports around the archipelago.

Your money & your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

QUESTION. – One of our most cherished possessions is our subscription to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Now inflation has caught up with this too. We recently received the list for the 1985/86 season.

What has left us bewildered are the different options for making payment. They are as follows: If we pay betwen June 5 and 12, we are entitled to a 10% discount, which brings the price to IS212,000. Paying between June 16 and 28 calls for the payment of the full price, namely IS236,000. The third option is one we find difficult to evaluate. It calls for six equal monthly payments at 14% monthly interest, which comes to 382% a year.

Each instalment under this six-month plan would be IS53,236, and the sum total would be IS319,416.

We have never beaten the system before and come out ahead when it comes to having a choice of payments. Perhaps with your help we can do it this time?

ANSWER. – A homily applicable in this case is "delay payment as long as possible, because the money paid later is always worth less than the money paid earlier." To answer your question I studied the Philharmonic's official price list. A careful analysis of anticipated jumps in the cost-of-living indices, the expected devaluation of the shekel, and an estimate of interest rates as well as possible earnings on monies that could be earned by paying later resulted in a financial model which would have been of great satisfaction to my college instructor in finance and statistics. The analysis says clearly that choosing the six equal instalments will work out best for you.

Nevertheless, the basis of my analysis was shattered when I read near the end of the explanatory notes, the following statement. "The I.P.O. reserves the right to raise the price of tickets during the renewal period itself, should unanticipated economic measures make such a step necessary."

I am very much challenged by this problem and offer you my formula for the payments as follows.

The sum total of the six instalments is today approximately the equivalent of $285. If you can see your way clear, take the shekel equivalent of the six instalments, buy *patam* dollars with it and leave it in a special current account set aside for your subscription. Each time a payment is due, namely IS53,236, draw the money from your *patam* account. If I am correct, by the time you will have paid your six instalments, you will be left with a *patam* dollar balance which should suffice to cover the cost of one or two extra concerts next season.

Cotton Board awards prizes

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. – The Cotton Production and Marketing Board yesterday awarded Sam Hamburg Fund prizes to the cotton growers of Mei Ami (a moshav *shitufi*). Kibbutz Erez; Dr. Moshe Vermeah, a research scientist in cotton plant protection; Z. Shalhevet of Netanya; and S. Fonk, a cotton extension service officer in Western Galilee.

In the tomatoes for industry branch, the prizes went to Prof Y. Rudich of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture and A. Levichinsky of Mevo Hama.

The late Sam Hamburg is recognized as the father of Israeli cotton, having convinced sceptical officials in the early 1950s that cotton should be grown in this country. He also persuaded the Agriculture Ministry that tomatoes should be grown here for industry.

EEC rates of inflation, unemployment stabilize

BRUSSELS (AP). – Unemployment in the 10-nation European Economic Community held at 11.4 per cent of the work force in March, while consumer prices rose 0.7 per cent for the second consecutive month, the EEC's economics division said yesterday.

The report also said EEC industrial production rose 1.5 per cent in February from the month before and was up 3.4 per cent from a year earlier. March industrial output figures are not yet available.

The seasonally adjusted jobless rate has stood at 11.4 per cent since January, when it edged up from 11.2 per cent. Ireland continued to suffer the highest rate of unemployment at 17.0 per cent, followed by Belgium's 14.4 per cent, and Italy's 13.6 per cent.

The 0.7 per cent jump in consumer prices in March, compared with February, meant prices had risen 5.9 per cent since March 1984. The inflation figures were not adjusted for seasonal variations.

The EEC's economics division said in its monthly report that the latest increase in consumer prices was due largely to a significant rise in the exchange value of the dollar in relation to the EEC's basket of currencies called the European Currency Unit. A higher dollar rate has made Europe's imports more expensive.

The report said the depreciation of the ECU against the dollar since 1981 had added 0.9 percentage points, on average, to the EEC inflation rate in each of the past four years. EEC inflation has fallen from 11.7 per cent in 1981 to 6.3 per cent last year.

Among the 10 member countries, inflation in the 12 months ended in March ranged from a high of 18.3 per cent in Greece to a low of 2.4 per cent in the Netherlands.

Shoppers need bankruptcy protection

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The Histadrut's Central Consumer Authority (CCA) has called for stronger measures to protect consumers who pay in advance for goods but don't get them because a company goes bankrupt.

The CCA wants the Ministries of Industry and Justice to issue special regulations to ensure that customers get what they have paid for.

The number of companies going bankrupt has increased recently because of the difficult economic situation, the CCA noted. Especially hard hit have been electrical appliance stores, some of which close their doors after customers pay for large items, such as refrigerators.

The CCA has also called on the two ministries to amend the consumer protection law to forbid misleading advertisements aimed at young children. Youngsters cannot always distinguish between ads and news stories in newspapers, CCA officials said.

Stronger steps should also be taken against unethical salesmen who prey on children in their homes or coming out of schoolyards, the CCA said. One trick used by these salesmen is leaving a stack of books with a child and a bill that lists a post office box as a business address.

This means that the child's parents have no company office to complain to and are hard-pressed to return the books in seven days as the present law stipulates. The CCA is demanding that a clear address be mandatory on every bill where a company representative can be located.

Five-star apartment hotel opens in TA

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Yamit Tower, the first five-star apartment hotel in Israel, opened to the public yesterday. The hotel, built at an $11 million investment, is owned 50 per cent by Solel Boneh and 50 per cent by South African investors.

Centrally located on the Tel Aviv promenade, the 19-storey hotel consists of 60 suites, 20 of which have been sold to foreign residents. The remaining suites, complete with kitchenette, bedroom, living room and balcony overlooking the sea, are to be leased on a daily or monthly basis, as in an ordinary hotel.

The hotel is currently negotiating on the sale of its $1m. penthouse to an Australian Jew.

Managed by the Prosperity firm, Yamit Tower is especially designed for diplomats who have not yet acquired permanent lodging, for families on long holidays and for business people who will receive a variety of administrative services.

The hotel also has banquet facilities, a swimming pool, restaurants and shopping arcades.

South African owners Barney Seidle, Mike Gladstone and Tony Krystal recently arrived in Israel to inaugurate the hotel.

British inflation rate climbs to 7 per cent

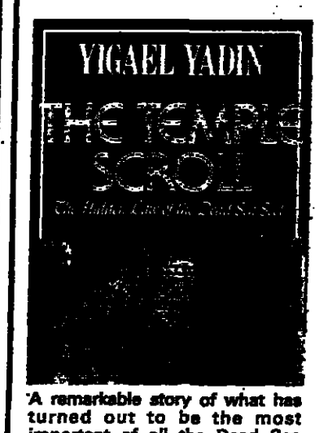
LONDON (AP). – Britain's annual inflation rate climbed to a 2½ year high of 7% in May, the government said Friday.

According to the department of employment, the increase in the retail price index from April's 6.9% was caused by higher prices for mortgages, cars, petrol and electricity.

It was the highest rate since September 1982, when inflation stood at 7.3% and put Britain above the European Community's average inflation rate of 5.9% and an international average in western nations of 4.7%.

Employment secretary Tom King said the government still expects inflation to fall back later this year.

Jewish Art Book Lovers.



A remarkable story of what has turned out to be the most important of all the Dead Sea scrolls discovered thus far. The odyssey begins with an out-of-the-blue, million-dollar proposal and follows with the retrieval of the scroll seven years later in the midst of a war, and the painstaking unrolling and years of deciphering and study. The story culminates with a text of the highest significance. Complete with illustrations, published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. Hardcover, 261 pages.

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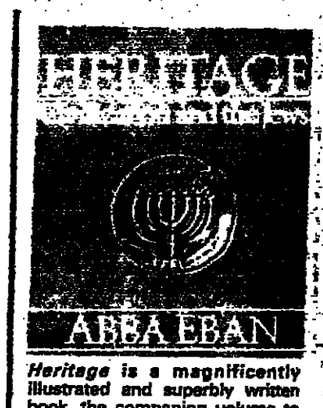

Heritage is a magnificently illustrated and superbly written book, the companion volume to the American television series *"Heritage"*, the most ambitious documentary in the history of American public television. In charting the 5,000 years of Jewish history, *Heritage* throws new light on the mystery of how so small a people could have had such a profound impact on all aspects of civilization, and yet manage to preserve its own identity in dispersion and exile. *Heritage* is published by Simon and Schuster, hardcover, 354 pages.

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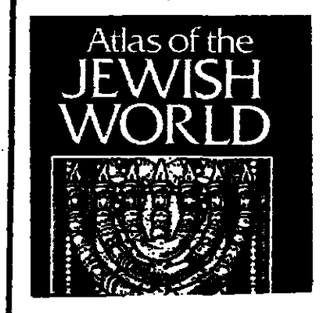

This atlas chronicles the history of the Jewish people on three parallel planes: the historical background, the cultural background and the Jewish world today. De Lange's purpose is to follow the developments of the Jews, who they are and how they have come to be where they are today. 59 specially drawn maps, 183 colour illustrations and 255 black and white illustrations. Published by Phaidon Press Ltd, Oxford.

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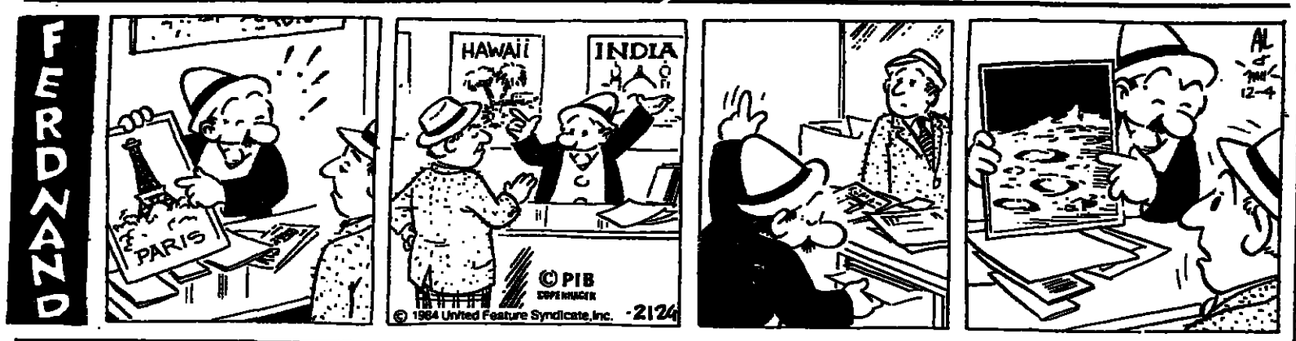


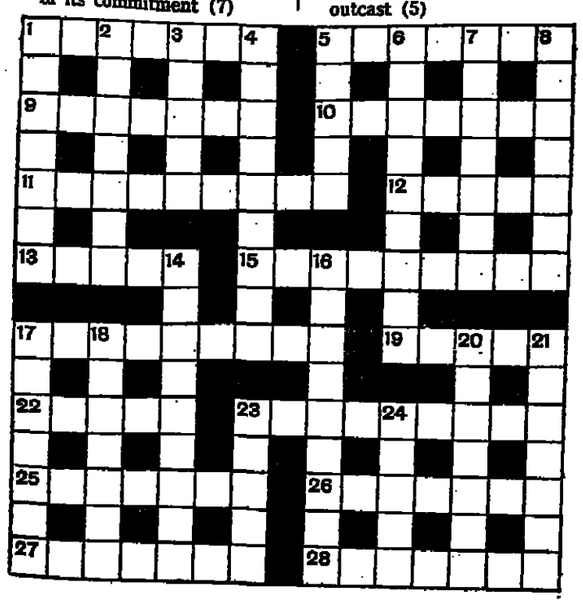
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Shady debt in middle of boom brings unemployment depression (7)
5 Bear act worked up for floor-show (7)
9 Leaning over an inventory (7)
10 Give further instruction to sappers and artillery detachment (7)
11 Chief argument for putting the others in North-East American state (4, 5)
12 In a vast multitude I raise the flag (5)
13 Does it do the economic donkeywork? (5)
15 Faulty claim by an extreme egoist (9)
17 Somehow Carole met a recent rival (9)
19 It delivers a blow to the head, tumbling the rider (5)
22 To some degree a deserter of French revolutionary ideals (5)
23 Sonata *illuminating* the romantic movement? (9)
25 Politician who does a little hedging? (7)
26 Apes ape in order to pacify opponents (7)
27 Make one mad — madly angered (7)
28 Eastern assembly is sincere in its commitment (7)

DOWN

1 Sexton who hunted the snark (7)
2 Cancel the order to scatter cinders (7)
3 Shallow mine to be carried by the current (5)
4 Scientific polar attraction (9)
5 Radioactive unit one used in successful treatment (5)
6 Nevertheless 100 in this place died, hacked to pieces (9)
7 Understand how to turn assets into money (7)
8 A wee dram—just a little one (4, 3)
14 His is a crafty sport (9)
16 Clerical establishment where young servant goes around firing (9)
17 Restricted to one sort of company (7)
18 Dog judge about to hesitate (7)
20 On his head is where one should heap coals of fire (7)
21 Shout again, but don't attack (7)
23 Has it got the edge on butter pricewise? (5)
24 Soft-hearted look for a social outcast (5)



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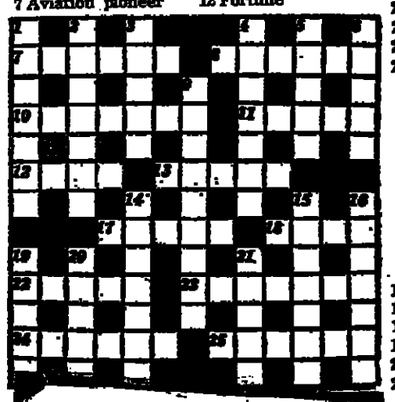
QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

7 Aviation pioneer
8 With anchor raised
10 Lack of rain
11 A genetic deviation
12 Fortune
13 Vagrant
17 Scandinavian imp
18 Tiny arachnid
22 Pursue
23 Captain of vessel
24 Mild earthquake
25 Maggot bait

DOWN

1 Twirl between fingers
2 Balearic isle
3 Liberals
4 Pair
5 Non-adult
6 Snapshot
9 Decontaminate
14 Liberty
15 Argument
16 Breed of dog
19 Novelist
20 Father
21 Exhausted



Yesterday's Solutions

Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Keystone, 7 Copse, 8 Tightrope, 9 Elk, 10 Hour, 11 Centre, 13 Rotary, 14 Humble, 17 Acacia, 18 Send, 20 Rug, 22 Catamaran, 23 Rally, 24 Old-timer. DOWN: 1 Ketch, 2 Yoghurt, 3 Tate, 4 Noosed, 5 Spree, 6 Sea kale, 7 Centaur, 12 Truancy, 13 Rhubarb, 15 Buckram, 16 Pistol, 17 Agate, 19 Diner, 21 Smut.

Company news

The anomalies of different accounting methods were highlighted by the various sets of results issued by **Frutarom Electrochemical Industries**, in adjusted shekels as well as in dollars.

Whereas in shekel figures Frutarom lost the equivalent of $6.2 million in 1983 and recovered to show a slight profit of $0.25m. in 1984, the dollar figures are "in the black" for both years.

These show a net profit of $207,000 for 1984, after a profit of $76,000 in the previous year.

Management reports that the company experienced significant growth in production and in sales volume, with emphasis being placed on exports. The production of PVC, Frutarom's main product, rose 16%, and a similar increase was achieved in VCM production. In dollar terms, sales rose 9.5%, to over $74m., and the amount of this export rose 26%, to $41.1m.

While, on the one hand, the company achieved savings in production costs through technological improvements and energy-saving installations, and was helped by a rise in PVC prices in the first half, the fact that its main export market is Europe meant that its revenues were affected by the slide of the European currencies against the dollar. Furthermore, prices weakened in the second half.

Frutarom managed to meet its debt-repayment obligations in 1984, both as regards long-term and short-term debt, and received only $2.9m. in government support, compared to $3.3m. in 1983, the management report notes proudly.

However, the company has an obligation, under the debt consolidation programme it signed with the Industrial Development Bank in June 1982, to raise $7m. in new share capital. Chairman John G. Farber notes that the finance minister graciously extended the deadline for fulfillment of this obligation, but adds that even the extension is close at hand and the extraordinary general meeting recently held did not produce a majority in favour of increasing the company's capital. He hopes that this will be corrected in time.

The implication is that Frutarom will soon join the list of Haifa-area companies in financial trouble and will again be forced to the government's door.

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The board of **Jordan Hotels** met on June 14 and decided to authorize the tax transfer of all the company's holdings in Motro House Ltd. shares to its parent, Jordan Investments. However, it further decided to request from the parent company the balance of the money between the amount it received from Jordan ($500,000) and the amount Jordan itself received from the Wolfson Clore Mayer company when it sold the shares ($1.25m.)

In view of Jordan Investment's unwillingness to agree, it was accepted that the two companies would bring in an independent third party to arbitrate and come to a decision. Moshe Zanbar was approached, and accepted the role of arbitrator, and both sides agreed to accept his ruling without appeal.

Jordan Hotels will nevertheless press ahead with its demand from Jordan Investment for a lien on real estate to the value of $3m. (as assessed by an outside property assessor) – including the mortgage already given on 5 units in the Dizengoff Centre – so as to secure Jordan Investment's loans to its subsidiary.

The exchange announced that, in *view of the foregoing, trading in the* shares of the two companies would recommence today.

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Scitex Corp., the Herzliya-based computer graphics firm, announced that its sales had shot up in the January-March 1985 quarter, when compared to those of the same period in 1984. In sharp contrast, though, the company's profit fell by two-thirds.

The 53% gain in sales, to $28m., was even more than the company's own projections had foreseen. But the company's net income slipped from $331,872 in the first quarter of 1984 to $115,865 this year.

The explanation given by the company for these developments is that "the gross margins on income generated during the quarter were impacted by the unusually sharp fluctuations and weakness of the Euro-currencies in dollar terms." The report also goes on to note the higher selling and general expenses, as well as the increased financing costs suffered by the company in the first quarter.

Vice-president Arthur Low told *The Jerusalem Post* that neither the pace of gain in the sales nor the *decline in profits was likely to hold up for the rest of the year. The weak* profits had been expected by management and the huge sales gain would probably be moderated in coming quarters, he said.

"We have a rather unusual and complicated model of operations," explained Low. "this brings with it large up-front costs in marketing and other operating sectors, as part of the process of introducing new products in the course of the year. The main profits are recorded in the last two quarters. This is a pattern that is repeated year after year, and we have no reason to believe that this year will be any different. The first quarter results did not surprise us in that respect."

According to the quarterly report, demand for Scitex products continued to grow, and the printing and publishing sector again contributed the bulk of orders received and sales made.

The company is also involved in perfecting a complete system that will automate all phases of colour photograph and art preparation for newspapers. A major product introduction is planned for the American Newspaper Publishers Association trade show, to be held next month in New Orleans.

Nihon-Scitex, a joint venture between Scitex and Tokyo Ink Manufacturing Ltd., began its operations in the second quarter. The company believes that this joint venture – the first of its kind between an Israeli and a Japanese firm – will give it an exceptional base for marketing its main products within Japan.

Prices up, volume falls

MARKET COMMENT

By PINHAS LANDAU

Despite a significant shrinkage in volumes on both the share and bond markets yesterday, prices were up almost everywhere.

The truth might be that it was not despite, but because of the lower volume. For if the public is not in the market selling, either directly or through redemptions of mutual fund units, the mutual funds can operate freely, at least in the short term. And it would appear that their main concern at this time is to increase the yields that they can show at the end of the first half of 1985, to which end they are interested in pushing up share and bond prices over the next two weeks.

A large number of institutional favourites in the share market were thus recipients yesterday of demand that stemmed from these funds, and shares such as ILDC, Dead Sea, IDB Development and others all moved ahead.

But there was no excitement in the market, and the number of advancing issues was not much greater than that of declining ones. Sharp moves were few in either direction, and overall the share market remains quite dull. In fact the oil sector was – yet again – the only one to show any real life. It spurted another 4.14% as the investment community continues to celebrate the signing of the big Negev drilling programme a few days ago.

Volume in the "arrangement" shares fell back and selling pressure in that group dried up.

Regular bonds also snapped back from Sunday's weakness and many rose by up to 3%. The fact that inflation seems to be running amok cannot but force the price of index-linked bonds higher, particularly since they are already very low. Dollar-linked bonds need no real excuse to move ahead, the public's appetite for dollar-linked investments being what it is. Strangely, though, the bank shares are no longer caught up in this demand.

Treasury bills succeeded in hitting rock bottom yesterday, with volume on absolute zero. Can the rest of the exchange be far behind?

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	199.31	+0.74%
Non-bank Index	187.75	+0.74%
Arrangement Index	206.49	−0.75%
Industrials	208.52	+0.96%

Turnovers:

Shares	IS1943.9m.	(IS2593.9m.)
Bonds	IS2944.0m.	(IS3864.3m.)
Totals	IS4887.9m.	(IS6458.2m.)
Advances	162	(155)
Declines	116	(109)
of which 5% +	34	(50)
of which 5% –	23	(26)
"Buyers only"	5	(5)
"Sellers only"	5	(2)

Bond market trends:

4% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 1.5-3.5%
80% linked	Rises to 3.5%
90% linked	Mixed to 2%
Double options	Rises to 3.5%
Dollar-linked	Rises to 3%

Grocer fined IS1m. for IS90 overcharge

By AARON SITTNER

A Jerusalem grocer who overcharged a customer IS90 on a bag of rice – IS420 a kilo instead of IS330 – was fined IS1 million by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court and ordered to sign a pledge not to repeat the offence under penalty of an additional IS5 million.

The fines are part of the enforcement campaign by the Ministry of Industry and Trade as it strives to maintain the price freeze despite the threats by the parties to the economic package deal to discontinue the arrangement when it formally ends on July 1.

In Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, a Bat Yam grocer was recently fined IS500,000 for refusing to sell a customer a bottle of cooking oil, apparently in anticipation of a price rise. He was also put on probation for a year and ordered to pay an automatic penalty of IS1 million if he repeats the offence, which is a violation of the Supply of Goods and Services Law.

Another Bat Yam businessman, operator of a laundry, was fined IS500,000 for overcharging and failing to display prices.

A Tel Aviv toilet-tissue manufacturer was found guilty of fraud and fined IS400,000 for mislabelling his product by overstating the length of each roll.

In a statistical report submitted to Prime Minister Peres yesterday by Yehoshua Forer, director-general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Forer points out that since the inauguration of the first package deal last November a total of IS210m. in fines has been collected from price-freeze violators for overcharging, failing to display prices and quoting prices in foreign currency.

Besides the thousands of summonses answered in magistrate's courts, 5,000 inspectors' complaints were heard in special "rapid-justice tribunals". In addition to investigating 10,000 complaints from the public, the inspectors carried out 112,000 spot checks at retail and wholesale outlets, and issued about 12,000 summonses, not including warnings.

Computerized control tower to improve safety at B-G

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter

A control tower equipped with one of the most modern radar and computer systems was inaugurated at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. This makes the airport one of the safest in the world, according to Arieh Grozbord, chairman of the Israel Airports Authority.

The gleaming white $4-5 million tower, which can be seen from the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, replaces the tower atop the terminal building which was equipped with 30-year-old instruments.

The new tower enables controllers to see all runways. Until now they had been unable to see the north-eastern edge of the airport's longest runway, forcing them to rely on closed circuit TV. Now they need use the closed circuit TV only to monitor traffic in the parking areas used by medium-sized aircraft and cargo planes.

The new instruments include radar, a computer terminal, and a computerized communications system.

Sitting in a dark room on the ground floor of the control tower experts may track planes at a distance of 75 kilometres, or about 20 minutes' flying time from the airport.

Next year the authority is to install a device which will automatically warn controllers or planes on a collision course. Development of this instrument is now being completed.

The new system will make possible increased traffic through Ben-Gurion. Until now planes had to be kept 16 kilometres apart for safety reasons. Now the minimum distance has been cut to eight.

Peres repeats call for more production

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – Prime Minister Peres said last night that Israel must consume less and spend more on growth and production, starting with higher education and education in general.

"We must voluntarily curb our consumption. We will not be able to rely on American aid to cover our own mistakes, especially as the U.S. is cutting back its own services," he said.

Speaking at the Technion, where he and seven others were awarded honorary doctorates, the prime minister said: "We need more science and less government; more production and less services."

Peres praised the Technion for its vital work and said the government would have to make a supreme effort to aid higher education.

LONDON BANK RATES

June 17, 1985

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Bank base rate	12¾ 12½	12¾ 12½
Call-money	12½	12⅞
91 day treasury	12	12
3-months Interbank	12⁷⁄₁₆	12½

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INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US$	1.2720/1.2730	per £
DM	3.0698/3.0705	per $
Dutch G	3.4580/3.4595	per $
Swiss FR	2.5800/2.5810	per $
Belgian Con	61.86/61.89	per $
French FR	9.3590/9.3610	per $
Italian Lire	1954.80/1955.30	per $
Yen	248.80/248.95	per $
US$	0.99580/0.9963	per SDR

GOLD: $317.25

FORWARD RATES:

	$/£	SW.FR./$	DM/$
1 mon	1.2698/81	2.5747/63	3.0645/55
3 mos	1.2575/87	2.5640/56	3.0534/46
6 mos	1.2458/73	2.5470/95	3.0371/86

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Bank of Israel exchange rates

June 17, 1985	IS
U.S. dollar	1136.5
British sterling	1447.0
German mark	—
French franc	121.40
Dutch guilder	328.46
Swiss franc	440.42
Swedish krona	127.99
Norwegian krone	128.64
Danish krone	103.18
Finnish mark	178.15
Canadian dollar	830.68
Australian dollar	754.64
South African rand	573.31
Belgian franc (10)	183.60
Austrian schilling (10)	526.68
Italian lire (1000)	581.20
Japanese yen (100)	456.43
Irish pound	1158.9
Spanish peseta (100)	647.08
Jordanian dinar	2816.2
Lebanese lira	71.910
Egyptian pound	804.64

UN Tender

United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) has a requirement for the improvement of the electrical distribution system at its Camp Ziouani, Golan Heights. The work will include:

1. Removal of existing secondary conductor poles.
2. Installation of new secondary conductor poles.
3. Installation of conductor separators.
4. Installation of new poles and hardware.
5. Balancing of North and West distribution lines.
6. Disconnecting of service drops.
7. Reconnecting of service drops.
8. Installation of guy wires.
9. Installation of new pole hardware.

Interested contractors are requested to assemble at Alpha Line Mess, Canlog Camp Ziouani at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 1985, when a site inspection will be held and detailed specifications of requirements will be provided. UNDOF does not undertake to accept the lowest or any offer.

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by Dr. Jeane K. Kirkpatrick
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DOLLAR PAZ AND EURO PAZ PRICES — FOR 17.6.85

CURRENCY BASKET	PURCHASE	SALE
"DOLLAR PAZ", 1 UNIT	3364.276	3406.259
"EURO PAZ", 1 UNIT	3743.608	3790.324
S.D.R.	1125.367	1139.409

FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES — FOR 17.6.85

COUNTRY	CURRENCY		CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS PURCHASE	SALE	BANKNOTES PURCHASE	SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1129.652	1143.748	1119.640	1170.800
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	1439.967	1457.936	1427.200	1492.420
GERMANY	MARK	1	368.324	372.921	365.060	381.740
FRANCE	FRANC	1	120.599	122.104	115.340	124.900
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	326.725	330.802	323.820	338.630
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	437.341	442.798	433.460	453.270
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	127.294	128.873	124.510	131.920
NORWAY	KRONE	1	127.918	129.515	125.130	132.580
DENMARK	KRONE	1	102.583	103.864	100.350	106.320
FINLAND	MARK	1	177.005	179.215	173.150	183.450
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	824.563	834.853	810.710	854.600
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	751.783	761.164	718.290	786.180
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	571.603	578.736	481.550	617.310
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	182.614	184.893	—	—
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	523.229	529.758	518.590	542.290
ITALY	LIRE	1000	578.715	585.936	547.770	590.800
JAPAN	YEN	1000	454.259	459.928	450.230	470.810

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June 12, 1985

D.J. Avg.	1298.38	−2.58
Transport	639.74	+2.81
Utilities	164.54	−0.05
Volume	82,233,400	

D.J. LIST		
Alcoa	32	−½
Allied Chem.	41⅞	n.c.
Amer Brand	68	n.c.
Amer Can	56¼	−¾
Amer Exp	46⅝	−⅝
Amer T & T	23⅝	+⅛
Beth Steel	16½	−⅛
Du Pont	57⅛	−⅛
East Kodak	45⅝	n.c.
Exxon	51⅞	−1¼
Gen Elect.	59⅝	−⅛
Gen Food	71⅝	−⅛
Gen Motors	73⅝	+⅛
Goodyear	28¼	n.c.
Intl Bus	120¼	−⅞
Intl Harv.	8	−⅛
Intl Paper	49	−⅜
Merck	111¼	+2⅞
MMM	75⅛	−⅜
Intl Nickel	13	−¼
Owens	46½	−⅜
Procter Gam.	53½	−⅜
Chevron	36⅞	n.c.
Sears	37⅞	−⅛
Texaco	37⅞	+¼
Union Carb.	42⅞	+⅛
United Tech.	42¼	+⅛
US Steel	26⅞	−⅛
Westinghouse	32⅞	+⅛
Woolworth	45¼	−⅝

GOLD & SILVER		
Gold Fix	319.90	+1.65
Asa Ltd.	49½	−½
Homestake	23¾	−½

ISRAEL SHARES IN NY		
Amer Is Paper	6⅝	n.c.
Ampal A	2⅛	n.c.
Ampal Pfd.	6⅞	7⅛
Alliance	2⅜	n.c.
Bio Tech	7¼	7½
Electronics Ord.	12½	n.c.
Elbit	10⅝	+⅛
Elron Ord.	10	−1
Elscint	5⅛	−1⅜
Etz Lavud	30½	n.c.
Fibronics	13⅜	−½
IDB Ord.	45	49
Interpharm	3⅜	4¼
Laser Indus	11⅝	n.c.
Optrotech	14	n.c.
Rada elec.	7⅝	7⅞
Scitex	15¼	n.c.
Taro-Vit	2⅛	2⅝
Teva	2¾	3⅛

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Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")			
OHH r	10000	1	−0.5
Maritime 1	1685	67	+4.0
Maritime 5	580	103	−3.3
Gen non-arr	16650	26	+0.3
N. Amer. 1	3851	60	+6.4
N. Amer. 5	1550	21	n.c.
N. Am. op 1	3100	0	−2.5
Danot 1	790	126	−1.5
Danot 5	293	604	+8.5
Danot sc 2	669	10	n.c.
FirstInt 5	1439	1130	−0.8
FIBI	1315	2880	n.c.
Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")			
IDB r	53230	229	n.c.
IDB B r	54350	−	−
IDB p A	330000	−	−
Union 0.1	39700	91	+0.7
Discount B r	68650	11	+0.2
Discount A r	68200	49	n.c.
Dis. B cn	7850	329	n.c.
Mizrahi r	21970	438	n.c.
Mizrahi b	22000	89	+1.1
Mizrahi cn 9	10100	34	+2.3
Hapoalim p	52884	1	−0.2
Hapoalim r	36350	637	+1.6
Hapoalim b	36350	55	+0.8
Hap. cn 8	−	−	−
Gen'l A	93300	3	+0.9
Gen'l op 8	229000	0	+1.6
Gen'l op 9	90510	−	+0.0
Gen'l cn 5	72600	−	−
Gen'l cn 7	4475	3	−2.8
Leumi 0.1	23000	2093	+1.0
Leumi cn 9	31350	30	−2.2
Leumi cn 11	8597	187	n.c.
Fin. Trade	31650	5	−2.2
Fin. Trade 5	16050	5	−0.9
Mortgage Banks			
Adanim 0.1	2500	0	n.c.
Gen Mort r	3223	65	−0.8
Gen Mort b	3223	60	−0.8
Carmel r	3400	−	−
Carmel deb	1499	53	n.c.
Binyan	1960	−	n.c.
Dev.Mort	449	309	+0.9
Mishkan r	2640	−	−
Independence	2230	46	n.c.
Tefahot p r	5750	−	−
Tefahot r	5200	19	n.c.
Tefahot d 1	3767	3	+2.4
Tefahot d 2	1910	1	+3.0
Jaysour 1	450	40	+1.1
Jaysour 5	208	656	−1.4
Jaysour op	−	−	−
Merav r	850	39	n.c.
Financial Institutions			
Shiltom r	115	1000	n.c.
Shil op B	−	−	−
Agric A	19000	0	−6.6
Agric C	117000	−	−
Leumi Ind r	1940	70	+0.6
Leumi Ind b	no trading		
Ind Dev P	no trading		
Ind Dev C	no trading		
Ind D CC	no trading		
Ind D CCI	no trading		
IND D D	no trading		
Ind D DD	no trading		
Contractor	2470	s.o.1	−5.0
Tourism	132915	−	−
Clal L 0.1	1750	250	n.c.
Clal L 0.5	920	10	−1.1
Clal L deb	8438	6	+5.0
Insurance			
Aryeh r	no trading		
Aryeh op	no trading		
A. sub deb	no trading		
Ararat 0.1 r	899	73	+6.6
Ararat 0.5 b	503	49	−10.0
Reinsur 0.1	1579	−	−
Reinsur 0.5	930	26	+4.5
Hadar 1	1230	100	+2.5
Hadar 5	523	186	n.c.
Hassneh r	1240	236	−5.3
Phoenix 0.1	2950	100	+5.5
Phoenix 0.5	1400	125	+4.4
Hamish 1	3950	−	−
Hamish 5	1240	0	n.c.
Hamish op	1805	−	−
Yarden 0.1	no trading		
Yarden 0.5	no trading		
Yar op 2	7700	−	−
Menorah 1	2060	5	+0.5
Menorah 5	no trading		
Sahar r	1019	60	+6.1
Securitas r	2280	51	−1.0
Zur r	810	105	−4.7
Zion H 1	2229	30	n.c.
Zion H 5	623	74	n.c.
Trade & Services			
Trade			
InterGam 1	860	−	−
InterGam 5	360	30	n.c.
InterGam op	205	54	n.c.
Meir Ezra	1969	1326	n.c.
Meir Eop	1705	940	n.c.
Teta 1	no trading		
Teta 5	no trading		
Clal Trade	520	b.o.1	+5.1
Crystal 1	720	102	n.c.
Rapac 0.1	14900	−	−
Rapac 0.5	3192	37	+5.0
Supersol 2	2320	200	n.c.
Super B 10	1185	336	n.c.
Services			
Delek r	1800	623	n.c.
Harel 1	2050	99	−2.4
Harel 5	875	10	−2.8
Light. 0.1	4450	383	−5.1
Light. 0.5	1490	245	−9.1
ColdSto 0.1	542	4	+4.8
ColdSto 1	204	2277	+2.5
Israel Elec	no trading		
BondW 0.1	3260	72	−2.7
BondW 0.5	665	252	−7.6
BondW op	432	50	+0.5
ConsorH 1	754	139	n.c.
Consort 0.5	395	−	n.c.
Cons op A	no trading		
Kopel 1	no trading		
Kopel op	no trading		

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	% change
Hotels, Tourism			
GalZohar 1	no trading		
GalZohar 5	no trading		
DanHotel 1	2110	125	−4.3
DanHotel 5	1240	107	−0.4
Coral Beach	no trading		
Kenes	1500	30	+3.4
Yarden Hot	no trading		
Yarden Hot	no trading		
Yahalom	287	440	+5.5
Computers			
Data	950	20	−5.1
Hilon 1	no trading		
Hilon 5	3500	−	−
Ya'ane	1770	6	−3.8
Ya'ane op	1470	10	+5.0
Clal Comp.	1340	21	−2.9
Clal C op	−	−	−
M.L.L. 1	4000	−	+2.6
M.L.L. 5	1720	40	n.c.
Mashov	987	50	−2.0
Nikuv 1	1882	2	+0.1
Nikuv 5	1015	63	n.c.
Nikuv op	no trading		
Team 1	4040	9	+1.0
Team op	4200	−	n.c.
Real Estate, Building			
Gindi 1	1300	3	−0.1
Gindi 5	1400	−	−
Oren	405	284	−10.0
Oren 5	160	1320	+2.6
Azorim	925	16	n.c.
Azor opE	−	−	−
Eilon	377	583	−2.1
Eilon op	369	550	−1.6
El-Rov 1	no trading		
El-Rov 5	no trading		
Ammonim	500	175	+2.0
Amnon op	378	250	+8.0
Afr Isr 0.1	13500	46	+3.4
Afr Isr 1.0	10850	51	+4.3
Afr op 4	7850	69	+9.0
Arazim	580	50	−3.3
Araz op	618	−	1.6
Arledan 1	3060	18	n.c.
Arledan 5	1695	200	+3.7
Ben Yak 1	1495	35	−0.3
Baranow 1	860	−	−0.1
Baran op	440	−	−
Dankner	1670	36	n.c.
Drucker 1	409	413	−10.1
Drucker 5	212	217	−
Drucker op	146	547	−14.1
Darad 0.1	1751	−	−
Darad 0.5	731	−	−
Darad op	1390	−	−
H.L.B. 0.1	1978	19	+3.8
H.L.B. 0.5 r	705	51	n.c.
PropBldg	1920	147	+0.8
Bayside 0.1	2589	133	n.c.
Bayside 0.5	1970	56	n.c.
ILDC r	11700	75	+3.1
Ispro	1120	656	+8.2
Isralom	1900	10	n.c.
Isras	5950	−	−
Cohen Dev.	1780	3	−1.1
Cohen op	−	−	−
Clal Real	601	370	n.c.
Lumir 1	1855	282	+6.8
Lumir 5	770	130	n.c.
Lumir op	−	−	−
M.T.M. 1	568	−	−
Bldg. Res.	230	195	+2.2
Bldg op	181	142	−1.1
Modul	780	43	n.c.
Mishnael	226	483	n.c.
Menrav	303	332	n.c.
Menrav op	820	93	n.c.
Mar-Lez	208	155	−5.5
Mar-Lez op	2028	−	−
Levinstein 1	2665	50	−
Levinstein 5	572	100	+10.0
Levin. op	467	−	+3.8
Lifschitz 1	555	62	n.c.
Lifschitz 5	260	228	+4.0
Lifschitz op	214	48	−7.8
Neot Aviv	14680	4	+5.0
AzorimProp	1830	62	−5.0
Sahar H 1	4176	b.o.1	+4.9
Sahar H 5	2600	24	n.c.
Solel Bon.	4500	42	−1.1
Sahaf 1	909	30	n.c.
Sahaf 5	571	599	−14.5
Sahaf op	613	s.o.1	−9.9
AfarSela	805	43	+1.0
Prinz	1690	96	n.c.
Caesarea 1	520	54	−1.9
Caesarea 5	250	675	n.c.
Rubinst 1	no trading		
Rubinst 5	no trading		
Rogovin 1	2316	s.o.1	−5.0
Rogovin 5	1414	52	−2.1
Rassco p	3840	48	n.c.
Rassco r	3780	58	n.c.
Rassco op	3591	4	n.c.
Agriculture			
Hadar 0.1	1080	250	n.c.
Hadar 0.5	496	576	−3.1
Hadar op	143	225	+2.1
Mehadrin	5750	23	n.c.
Hadarim	822	372	+4.4
Pri-Or	1940	104	+2.6
Shenhar	2600	226	+4.0
Industrials			
Food and Tobacco			
Atas	4300	5	+4.9
Atas op	3958	1	n.c.
Atlantic	441	103	+0.2
Atlan op	205	50	−10.9
Gold Fr 1	1190	15	−0.8
Gold Fr 5	315	64	−4.3
Gold op	210	47	−13.6
Dubek r	7500	38	+4.2
Dubek b	7200	12	−
Sanlakol 1	no trading		
Sanlakol 5	no trading		
Pri-Ze 1	1849	34	+8.7
Pri-Ze 5	970	50	+7.8
Tempo 1	2375	3	n.c.
Tempo 5	1870	11	+6.9
Izhar 1	670	519	−4.3
Izhar 5	345	150	−4.2
Man 1	no trading		
Man 5	1831	41	−10.0
Sunfrost	3650	21	n.c.
Elite r	7060	139	+0.9

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	% change
Assis	12650	7	+0.4
Angel	1421	60	+4.0
Shemen p	4300	27	n.c.
Textiles and Clothing			
Adgar	2370	−	−
Adgar op	2080	−	−
Ofis	401	−	−
Ofis op	999	−	−
Baruch 1	2860	111	+10.0
Baruch 5	1520	70	+7.8
Alaska 1	−	−	−
Alaska 5	−	−	−
Eftan 1	346	140	−9.9
Eftan op	257	81	n.c.
Argaman r	2170	−	−
Ata B 1	no trading		
Ata C 0.1	no trading		
Ata op	−	−	−
Delta G 1	3250	200	+3.2
Delta G 3	2790	152	+3.0
U Spinners	no trading		
U Spinners	no trading		
Spin op	no trading		
Vitalgo 1	no trading		
Vitalgo 5	1099	20	+9.4
Wardinon	590	90	−5.9
Ward op	1525	−	+7.0
Zika 1	791	s.o.1	−5.0
Zikit 5	332	s.o.1	−5.1
Tip Top 1	201	322	+1.0
Tip Top op	115	11	+1.8
Yumar 1	930	−	−
Lodzia 0.1	528	55	+1.7
Lodzia 0.4	250	995	+5.0
Ligat	179	210	+5.9
Ligat op	170	200	n.c.
MIF Glico	563	166	−1.2
Glico op	1270	20	−0.5
Maquette 1	6435	5	+10.0
Maquette 5	2720	15	n.c.
Eagle 1	4200	62	+5.0
Eagle 5	2000	41	n.c.
Emek	1425	737	+1.1
Polgat 0.1	2550	15	n.c.
Polgat 0.4	1300	111	+1.3
Polygon r	1915	59	+4.4
Pargod	556	500	n.c.
Pargod op	no trading		
Schoell.	5000	61	+4.2
Rogosin	1905	154	n.c.
Metals and Metal Products			
Octagon	1082	b.o.1	+5.0
Octagon op	900	16	−0.1
Urdan 0.1 r	7050	144	+1.4
Urdan 0.5 r	5050	21	+1.0
Urdan op	−	−	−
Cables r	6000	67	−1.6
Hatehof 1	2330	20	−0.9
Hatehof 5	820	85	+9.3
Is.Can Co 1	470	973	n.c.
Is.Can Co 5	320	27	−1.5
Morgan	no trading		
Morgan op	no trading		
Sdom Met 1	570	57	+1.2
Sdom op	224	150	+9.8
ZionCabl 1	3420	25	−10.0
ZionCabl 5	1510	134	n.c.
Kadmani 1	390	40	+2.6
Kadmani 5	165	680	n.c.
Nechush 0.1	2159	40	+7.4
Nechush 0.5	907	164	n.c.
Arad	1500	100	+2.7
Arad op	1440	50	−4.0
Pecker	1920	−	−4.0
King 1	3620	18	+3.2
King 5	2100	30	n.c.
Klil 1	1338	12	+4.7
Klil 5	619	74	n.c.
Sheladot	1280	−	+4.9
Shel op	−	−	−
Lachish 1	780	53	n.c.
Lachish 5	392	20	n.c.
Electrical Machinery Electronics, Optics			
Elbit 3 r	411000	5	+1.5
Elco 0.25 r	1985	125	+3.1
Elco 0.25 b	1156	275	+5.0
Elco 0.25	1175	15	−3.4
Electra 0.1	7460	7	n.c.
Electra 0.5	3340	57	n.c.
Electra op	−	−	−
Elron	400500	9	−0.2
Arit	19800	4	+1.0
Arit op	19700	5	+3.1
Clal Elec	2240	751	n.c.
Spectrix 1	1698	172	+5.0
Spectrix 5	1170	249	+1.7
Spec op	23800	9	+3.0
Feuchtw	2405	32	−
Feuchtw	1100	122	+3.3
Cyclone 1	2640	−	+4.0
Cyclone 5	1090	77	+0.9
KatzAd 1	1140	28	−4.2
KatzAd 5	600	70	+7.1
T.A.T. 1	1640	−	+2.5
T.A.T. 5	655	330	−0.3
T.A.T. op	4960	6	n.c.
Tedea	2600	93	−0.8
Tedea op	−	−	−
Building Materials			
I.P.Ind.	1000	129	−4.8
Alkol	2200	34	n.c.
Alkol op	1500	111	−6.3
Ackerst 1	4450	50	+7.2
Ackerst 5	2732	40	+6.2
Tadir 1	no trading		
Tadir 5	no trading		
Barton 1	917	b.o.1	+4.9
Barton 5	380	−	−
Barton op	270	−	−
Hamashl 1	730	126	−3.9
Hamashl 5	340	264	−5.6
Hamas op	460	129	+12.2
Trombest 1	8950	13	+9.2
Trombest 5	2231	34	+5.0
M.L.T. 1	484	80	n.c.
M.L.T. 5	224	50	−0.4
Modul Ind.	901	34	−2.6
Wolfman 1	9018	5	−10.0
Wolfman 5	6191	−	−
Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics			
Agan 5	6500	27	n.c.
Alliance	500	115	−4.8

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	% change
Gal Ind 1	3200	40	n.c.
Gal Ind 5	1700	6	+4.3
Dexter	2350	97	n.c.
Fertil 0.1	3445	18	−2.8
Fertil 0.5	1390	105	n.c.
HaifaChem	656	1363	n.c.
Teva r	27360	36	n.c.
Teva op. 4	24049	18	n.c.
Lipsky	565	−	.9
Lipsky op	969	−	−
Dead Sea r	18450	298	+2.5
Petrochem	1230	395	+3.4
Maxima 1	2900	20	+4.3
Maxima 5	1480	50	n.c.
Maxima op	1710	5	n.c.
Neca Chem.	2800	6	−
Sano 1	3522	21	n.c.
Sano 5	1700	−	+3.7
Kedem	2400	18	+0.4
Kedem	2270	−	−
T.G.L. 1	893	135	+5.1
T.G.L. 5	369	b.o.1	+5.1
Taya	3600	30	+4.0
Frutarom	10710	2	+4.0
Taro	1645	27	n.c.
Wood, Paper, Printing			
Dafron 1	1635	−	−
Dafron 5	1008	−	−
Haman 1	1139	50	−2.6
Haman op	915	20	−2.1
Yaeh 1	1701	40	+0.9
Yaeh 5	2672	−	−5.0
Ashkelon	175	1193	n.c.
Ash op	230	90	−6.9
Molett	4600	11	−4.2
Paper Mills	83800	18	−0.0
Scandia 1	650	74	−4.8
Scandia op	no trading		
Rim 0.1 r	3000	−	+2.6
Rim 0.4 r	1390	−	−
Ta'al B r	5000	58	−1.0
Miscellaneous Industries			
Alumit 1	2200	−	−
Alumit 5	1150	25	+4.5
Alumit op	1300	−	−
Andin 1	1310	35	−6.4
Andin 5	600	57	−1.6
Andin op	441	−	−
Five J	5?48	−	−
Five J op	3800	−	−
Zika 1	9790	16	−0.1
Zika 5	3900	11	−4.9
Pollak 1	no trading		
Pollak 5	no trading		
Industrial Investment			
Central Tr	3070	286	n.c.
Koor p	no trading		
Clal Ind	644	2247	+0.6
Tech Res.	197	766	−3.4
Tech op	151	651	−5.6
Investment Companies			
Unico r	1650	89	+3.1
IDB Dev. r	1794	826	+2.3
Incoba 0.1	no trading		
Incoba 0.5	no trading		
Elgar r	1999	−	−
Elgar b	2010	5	n.c.
Elbern	2910	188	+2.1
Elbern b	2900	60	+2.8
Amissar	17400	−	+2.4
Afik 1	27900	1	−0.4
Afik 5	17900	2	−0.6
Gahelet	2534	13	+10.0
IsCorp 1	1965	173	−0.3
IsCorp. 5	625	72	+4.2
Wolfson 0.1	21750	1	+1.2
Wolfson 1 r	8000	36	n.c.
Ampa r	4980	38	−3.3
HapoelInv	4420	14	+2.1
LeumiInv	1960	93	−1.3
DiscInv	3200	155	+1.3
Mizrahi Inv.	3690	−	−
Mizrahi 122	no trading		
Mizrahi 124	5278	−	−
Hiron 1	1060	30	−1.7
Hiron 5	189	664	−1.6
Export r	3350	50	+1.8
Export op	2541	−	−
Jordan Expl.	no trading		
Jorden op	no trading		
Clal 10	813	459	n.c.
Clal 50	555	65	n.c.
Landeco 0.1	3800	7	−5.0
Landeco 0.5	1415	16	n.c.
Magor 0.1	3201	55	n.c.
Magor 0.5	1540	19	+3.4
Oz Inv. 0.1	no trading		
Oz Iv. 0.5	no trading		
Paz Invest.	7200	86	+4.3
Pama 0.1	2200	329	+14.5
Pama 0.5	900	284	n.c.
Piryon	680	746	−1.1
Research & Development			
Clever Dev	901	49	n.c.
Clever op	750	65	−8.5
GalilTech 1	375	207	−1.3
Oil Exploration			
Delek Ex 1	2142	119	+5.0
Delek Ex 5	1055	218	+4.9
Expl Paz	5840	255	n.c.
Teroil 1	1777	117	+20.3
Teroil 5	500	30	n.c.
Teroil op 1	402	320	+9.8
J.O.E.L.	940	1173	n.c.
J.O. op 1	754	427	n.c.
M.G.N. 1	1326	128	n.c.
M.G.N. 5	481	561	n.c.
M.G.N. op	126	1657	−11.9
Seismica 1	3285	105	+8.2
Seismica 5	1000	1365	n.c.
Seismica op	871	275	+0.1
Fedoil r	900	115	−4.3
N. Amer 1	595	110	+4.4
N. Amer 5	260	221	+10.2
N. Amer op	179	100	+10.5
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The Taba tangle

IT APPEARED last week that the Likud was finally prepared to waive its insistence that conciliation without a time limit be tried first in resolving the Taba tangle – and that the inner cabinet would approve the submission of this contentious issue to international arbitration, as demanded by Egypt.

Some Taba-related problems would even then have remained to be settled by the two countries before the promised new era in their relations could be ushered in. For Egypt would still argue that the terms of reference for the arbitrators must first be agreed upon, and that the *compromis* should be so worded as to focus on the 1922 border in the south, while Israel would argue that any inquiry must start with the 1906 line, but that the thaw in relations need not await an agreement on procedural details.

But the overwhelming issue for the inner cabinet on Sunday, following a prolonged debate late last week, was simply to go or not go at once into arbitration. Contrary to expectations, none of the Likud ministers crossed the line to support the Alignment's pro-arbitration stand. Rather than risk a tie, which would have killed the idea of arbitration, Prime Minister Peres avoided a vote and the cabinet left it to Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir, the Likud vice premier, to work out an agreed formula between them.

That will not be easy. The Likud's attachment to non-binding conciliation before binding arbitration, though ostensibly derived from an interpretation of the peace treaty, is in fact a means of delaying a solution and thus paralyzing the peace process.

The delegation of directors-general that recently conferred with top government officials in Cairo reported on its return that the Egyptians are in earnest about starting *full normalization* in exchange for arbitration on Taba, regardless of the character of the eventual award. The Likud ministers in the inner cabinet dismiss all such assurances. They suspect that, after Taba, the Egyptians will invent fresh excuses to put off, or reverse, normalization.

The total scepticism with regard to Egyptian intentions entertained by these Likud ministers is unwarranted. There is in fact every reason to believe that tiny Taba is the major key to an improvement of ties with Egypt. President Mubarak may himself deplore the inflation of this bit of sandy nothing in the imagination of Egyptians into a huge metropolis, and a test of his statesmanship. But he cannot dodge the burden of resolving its future – not by having it presented to him on a silver platter by Israel, but by arbitrating the question of its status. Otherwise he cannot breathe life into the peace with Israel.

What Egyptian leaders have in mind for the long run is anyone's guess. But the available information suggests that they have reached the conclusion that they cannot return to the Arab fold except on the basis of accommodation with Israel: they will never outdo Syria in sheer intransigence. And they are well aware that the present Israel government does not view the peace with Egypt as a wholly separate arrangement, but rather as a means of advancing into a comprehensive peace that would include a settlement of the Palestinian issue.

That is what frightens the Likud ministers about a resolution of the Taba issues – which, if they had any faith in the validity of Israel's claim to this speck of land, they should have welcomed. They are out to wreck an agreement on Taba not because it would fail to unlock the door to a larger peace, but because it might – though only upon the surrender of some territory, *outside* Taba.

The moral is plain. Unless Mr. Shamir gives, soon enough, his consent on behalf of his Likud colleagues to arbitration on Taba, the viability of the national unity government as a peace-seeking administration will come to an abrupt end.

Lack of moral imperative

THE CHIEF RABBIS have declared this day a day of fasting and prayer for the intercession of divine providence in putting an end to the people's woes, as indicated by the difficult political, security and economic conditions and by the recent shocking road accidents. On the face of it, it seems like a good idea.

But it is not entirely clear what it is that the chief rabbis view as the country's predicament, outside of the unfortunate recurrence of fatal road accidents. Nor do they offer any indication how they would like to see the moral imperative applied to the solution of the country's problems, such as they are. Yet the chief rabbis must be presumed to be, if anything, experts on the moral imperative.

Would they, for example, advise their flock to pray for the imposition of the death sentence, as has lately been suggested, on terrorists, and would they confine it to Arab terrorists or extend it to Jews as well? By the same token, would they go along with the theory aired by a certain cleric lately arrived from overseas that *all* the country's problems would be solved if only the Arabs were kicked out?

The chief rabbis' opinion in such matters is not the law, but it may be assumed to carry some moral weight. Their silence on such widely debated issues is therefore especially perplexing.

There are, however, some matters on which the chief rabbis' opinion is, more or less, the law. Thus, unlike their immediate predecessors, the incumbents have pronounced immigrants from Ethiopia not to be Jews in the proper sense unless they have undergone the – to the immigrants themselves – degrading ritual of immersion. At the same time the chief rabbis have laid it down that all immigrants from Ethiopia, whether or not they have Judaized themselves through immersion, are subject to strictly Jewish religious instruction.

Would it not be proper for devout Jews to fast and pray today for the light of divine reason to shine upon the chief rabbis and show them the way out of this acute moral and practical dilemma?

ATA

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tial buyers, although there was little hope of any major changes.

The Histadrut is planning an intensive lobbying effort to persuade the government to approve the purchase of Ata by the U.S.-Swiss consortium. Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld said yesterday that Histadrut representatives will try to meet with every minister before the cabinet meeting.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday launched an attack on the Labour Party members of the Ministerial Economic Committee who voted against the purchase plan. Kessar's attack was aimed primarily at Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin and Health Minister Mordechai Gur, according to Histadrut sources.

The Ata works committee last night sent a busload of workers to resume their demonstration outside the prime minsiter's residence in Jerusalem. The round-the-clock vigil had been called off at the request of Peres after he had promised to intervene in the crisis.

Histadrut officials are to meet the Ata works committee at the Kiryat Ata plant today to discuss the next step in their campaign.

Representatives of the American-Swiss consortium, whose bid to purchase Ata was rejected by the ministerial economic committee spent yesterday at the Kiryat Ata plant where they are continuing to assess the firm's potential.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS

Sisyphus in Gaza

By A.E. NORDEN

FOR 19 years we could only make speeches and commission articles on the subject of the Palestinian refugee camps. But when we went into Gaza and the West Bank in 1967, we got our first chance to do something on our own.

We didn't do it right away. What started in 1970 as a security operation under Ariel Sharon, then commander of the Southern Front, became a not entirely unsuccessful project to wipe out sections of the stinking camps in the Gaza Strip and resettle the inhabitants in better houses on their own quarter-acre plots of land. Dealing with Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists who threw grenades at Jews and Arabs, and then vanished into the maze of the camps, Sharon had patrol roads cut through, destroying many huts. But once Sharon did what he did – security was much improved – other Israel Defence Forces officers, with the government's blessing and money, started coaxing refugees to move into new houses outside the camps, but still within the Strip.

We provided the patches of land and the building materials and mortgages – this was 10 and more years ago, when we had some money to spare – and the Palestinians provided the labour. They built their own homes. Building still goes on, though the pace has slackened. So far, 8,000 families in the Gaza Strip have moved, a not insignificant number if you recall that the average refugee family comprises more than six persons.

We were not surprised when there was no stampede to leave the camps. We knew that the refugees would be suspicious – that, even without the PLO telling them, they'd know that the Jews weren't making this offer out of pure lovingkindness. To tear down his hut and move his family out of the camp (we insist that anyone participating in the project tear down his hut) meant that a refugee forfeited his rights, didn't it? For the Unrwa (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) card has two sides. It is a badge of shame, but it's also a meal ticket, a guarantee of some clothing, medicine and schooling, and a voucher against the day when all the refugees might put in a legal claim for lost property and damages against the rich and obviously indestructible Jewish state.

We assured and reassured the refugees that taking part in the project wouldn't subtract from their rights or identity. As for the Unrwa, it neither backed nor opposed the "Build Your Own Home" scheme. It only asked us not to coerce anyone.

THINGS went slowly, but they went. It came out that some of the refugees had money of their own to invest in building. Eight thousand heads of families in the Gaza Strip *seem to have decided that the main* thing they give up by tearing down their huts, is some misery. They remain so near and yet so far from their former groves, but now they live more like men.

The new Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood, less than a mile from the open sewers of Shati Camp, in Gaza, reminds you of a lower middle-class neighbourhood in Herzliya, a town on another former sand dune. Here are the same two-storey stucco structures, neat lawns of hardy Bermuda grass, expensive TV aerials and children in American football jerseys kicking soccer balls. Where in Shati there is a stink, here the air is fresh with the sea, orange blossom and wet mortar. Where in Shati the alleys are, depending on the season, muddy or dusty, here there are sidewalks and the streets are paved. Where in Shati there's not enough room to turn around, here you can stretch.

The Israeli civilians who administer the Build Your Own Home programme for the military government are proud of what they've done and are doing. Modernization as such is something to be proud of. They also retain a kernel of faith that neighbourhoods like Sheikh Radwan will benefit Jewish children in Herzliya, their own kids, no less than the refugee children who live in them, for it's the credo of the hardworking administrators that every destroyed hut and newly built house is another brick in the edifice of coexistence.

These Israelis, these compatriots of ours with their ridiculous budget, look and sound neither starry-eyed nor stupid. If they are proud of their work, and of the work of the refugees who have gone along with the project, it's because they believe there is something intrinsically holy about replacing open sewers with underground systems. In this respect, they are old-fashioned, clean-shaven Israelis of the type who once captured the imagination of American liberals.

But these Israelis don't conceal and are not ashamed of another, selfish motive: Sheikh Radwan is meant to be a carrot. If the prison sentences handed down for throwing a bomb or a rock are the stick, Sheikh Radwan is one of the carrots offered by the Jews to the Arabs to convince the latter that it's better to live nonviolently with the former. Indeed, if you wish, you might say that the project is intended to keep *the cheap labour docile*.

Clearly, the stick is supposed to prove to the Arabs that the Jews are stronger. For a change, Sheikh Radwan is supposed to give the refugees among the Arabs in Gaza something to lose. As for annexing the area to Israel or giving it to someone someday, that's for the politicians to decide, the administrators say.

TO REPEAT, these Israelis aren't stupid. They know that if you ask someone who has moved from Shati to Sheikh Radwan who his representative is, he will probably say, with feeling and sincerity, Yasser Arafat. If you ask what he would most wish for, he will say it's to return to live in the village in Israel that he, or his father, ran away from or were pushed out of 37 years ago – and that doesn't exist anymore. If you ask his child in the Dallas Cowboys jersey where he comes from, he'll answer like a shot that he's from that extinct village. And if the man, who may well have been born in the Gaza Strip, decides really to unlock his heart for you, he'll tell you what pains him more than anything else is that his fellow Palestinian Arabs, who are real Gazans, never let him forget that he's a guest and a stranger. It doesn't matter to them whether he's in a stinking camp or in his own respectable new house.

The Israeli administrators of the Build Your Own Home programme know all this. They also know that more refugees want to get into the programme than can be accommodated. The problem is money. Only about $1 million was budgeted this fiscal year by the Israeli government for the sewerage, roads and electrical infrastructure without which the refugees who want and have the means to get out and build homes cannot do so. That's why the pace of building has fallen off. The $1 million is about what it costs to keep the IDF in Lebanon for 24 hours. Or, to put it another way, it's the estimated value of the stolen Israeli cars that disappeared in the Gaza Strip last year.

The people in charge of the Build Your Own Home programme try not to let their bitterness over their budget show. But, under the circumstances, it's hard for them to be convincingly hopeful. Obviously, their government isn't behind them if it gives them only enough money to move 700 or 800 families each year out of the camps. This means at most 5,000 people annually, which doesn't even keep up with natural increase.

EVERY HOUR or so, another baby is born in the camps and is provided with a plastic document by Unrwa that is the exact shape and size of an American Express card and attests to the fact that the baby is a homeless Palestinian refugee. On the card appears the name of the extinct and unforgotten village in Israel where this newborn baby's father or grandfather came from. That is where this baby is now from too and will always be from. Thanks to the Israeli occupation, infant mortality in the Gaza Strip has plummeted, while the birthrate has remained more or less steady. At this rate, the Gaza camps, producing generation after generation of certified refugees, will never be liquidated.

A hopeful, energetic, young, old-fashioned, underbudgeted Isra administrator therefore feels not like a Jewish Sisyphus. His job absurd. Yet does he have any choi except to continue? And if he have a choice, wouldn't it be e more absurd, more depressing, throw away the carrot, and depe only on the stick?

For the project isn't entirely u less. There is, after all, more sewa running underground now. The are, after all, 50,000 people liv decently. And other officials, w are supposed to know, say that transferees in the Gaza Strip, matter how much they esteem A fat, have a much better record terms of security than the refug still in the camps. The officials that the transferees and their c dren get in trouble much less of than the others with the Shin B the internal security agency, and IDF, and that not one new home had to be demolished. (We so times demolish the homes of Pale nians who have been arrested, whose relatives have been arres for terrorism.)

If the official statements are t it shows that a man with a griev may indeed be pacified, at least f time, by arranging for him to ha decent house and a tree to sit un that he can call his own.

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The real battle in Ramot

By JOSEPH A. SCHWARTZ

ON A HOT summer day, there is nothing more refreshing than lying in a pool on a half-submerged air-mattress, sipping a long cool drink.

Unless that pool happens to be in Ramot, which threatens to be the arena for yet another confrontation between religious and secular desires.

Not that long ago, Saturday night news reports would include an item about stones thrown by ultra-Orthodox elements on the Ramot road. The *haredim* were violently protesting against Sabbath desecration on the road leading to their neighbourhood.

Nerves were tautened when, some five years ago, a young motorist drove into a pole stuck into the section of the road then closed to vehicular traffic and met his death.

The focus is now on the Ramot pool, which is soon to be opened: the issue is, ostensibly, whether or not the pool should be open to the public on Shabbat. But it is not so simple.

THE REAL battle of the Ramot road had nothing to do with the issue of Sabbath desecration, but centred on which group spoke for Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox population.

The Neturei Karta saw the Ramot road for what it really was, a wedge driven between the then expanding religious neighbourhoods. The group accused Agudat Yisrael of accepting "Zionist" bribes, claiming that the road was built in exchange for municipal funds that were diverted to Aguda projects.

What the Neturei Karta were, in effect, saying to residents of the area was: "We are the true guardians of ultra-Orthodoxy." But this was not reflected in the media at the time.

The residents of the Mattersdorf area, who are protesting against a road planned to connect the northern neighbourhoods with the Tel Aviv highway, have chosen a less volatile approach. They have turned to the courts. Of this situation one reads almost nothing.

IN RAMOT, meanwhile, the lines appear to have been drawn concerning the intended opening of the pool. It would appear from media reports that the issue is a black-and-white one.

The secular elements are insistent that the pool open seven days a week; they claim that admitting on Shabbat only those who have prepaid would solve the problem of blatant Sabbath desecration. The religious elements are portrayed as being opposed to such flimflammery.

Once again, things are not necessarily as they seem. And again, the total lack of objective media analysis is aggravating, to say the least.

Take, for instance, the original demonstration against the opening of the pool, which was not even mentioned on Israel TV's Saturday night news. When some of the local media bothered to interview Ramot residents, only those with a secular viewpoint were approached. For the religious side, the media turned to religious city councillors, as if Ramot itself lacked capable religious spokesmen.

It should be noted that there is a tendency to refer to all religious elements as *haredim*. Perhaps calling some of them religious nationalists who do not shirk military service would harm the secular case.

Naturally the matter could not end on the note of the religious demonstration. Thus on June 8, the rather nebulous Action Committee for the Ramot pool held a counter-demonstration.

Israel TV, in its 9 p.m. newscast referred to alleged support of Sabbath opening of the pool by "religious nationalists," without, apparently, attempting to determine if there was indeed such support. A correction to the report was made on the *Almost Midnight* newscast after phoned-in protests to the newsroom.

Yet three days later, Eitan Ben-David, former Tadir-Matzad city councillor, was still waiting for TV newsman Rami Weitz whom he hoped to present with evidence as to the correct state of affairs.

The handbill passed out by the Action Committee implies religious support of the pool being open on Shabbat. To the unaware, that and vague references to other religious support can be misinterpreted as agreement with the committee's purpose. That's what bothers Ben-David and other religious residents, especially those who were absent from the demonstration against the pool opening on Shabbat.

WHAT IS really at stake here is: who will determine the internal affairs of Ramot? Will the neighbourhood committee, due be elected next month, truly ref the will of all Ramot residents will it be the province of a appointed few?

The absurd situation prevailin Ramot is that those at presen power are attempting to shape election process so that the re are practically foregone conclusi

Rather than a system whe residents choose the candidat their choice from a list of names will have representatives from housing block voting for a re sentative for the precinct. It is to the way in which the poli parties determine their Knesset

What we end up with is a secular minority attempting to pose its views on a religious po tion which comprises at least ha Ramot's total population, if more.

What the religious secto Ramot really wants is respect f sensitivities on certain issues, q er action on supplying sorely lac services and a solution to the d of proper religious facilities, su synagogues.

The writer is a resident of Ra

READERS' LETTERS

THE PRISONER EXCHANGE VIEWED FROM ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – The UN 1975 joke that "Zionism equals racism" looks more insane with each passing year.

No nation places more value on human life – even to a fault – than does Israel. The Israeli government has just released 1,150 hard-core terrorists in exchange for three Israelis. The tragedy is two-fold – at Israel's expense.

First, terrorists know they can still kill Jews with impunity and not receive the death penalty (would Jews receive the same treatment in Arab countries?). Second, all terrorists must do to be released to kill again is have their kind capture a few Jews and hold them long enough for ransom. This is scary, especially in Israel, but also for any Jew around the world.

Is it time for Israel to serve notice to terrorists that those who murder innocent people will forfeit their own lives? I believe it's past time.

REV. FRANK EIKLOR
Salem, Mass.

Sir, – It is very disturbing to read about the outcry created by the recent prisoner exchange. Obviously there is a lot to be said for the argument that Israel has compromised its position *vis-à-vis* blackmail and releasing terrorists. But if my son had been one of the three Israelis freed, I would have been ecstatic.

I think the solution to the problem is the application of the death penalty to convicted mass murderers.

DR. HAROLD POLLACK
Fords, New Jersey.

Sir, – The news of the release of the 1,150 terrorists caused me pain, revulsion and stupor. Among the 1,150 terrorists were the murderers of my young brother, Charles Bialogura, and my uncle, Yitzhak Graubard of Kibbutz Ein Hahoresh. These murderers are now free to resume their terrorist activities.

GEORGES BIAL
Brussels.

Sir, – I am writing this from an army base in Israel where it was recently announced that the government has exchanged 1,150 terrorist prisoners for three Israeli soldiers.

As director of Citizens Anti-Crime Taskforce (ACT) of Orange County, California, I must submit that this move can only jeopardize public safety on the streets of Israel in the same manner that the parole of dangerous felons in the U.S. endangers our citizens back home.

I spoke to several officers at this army base and their reactions were almost unanimously in opposition to this move. I also spoke in Haifa with U.S. sailors and marines from the U.S.S. Nimitz anchored at the time in Haifa harbour, and most could not understand Israel's release of these terrorists.

DR. HOWARD GARBER
Zeelim (Anaheim, California).

Sir, – Morally, the Israeli government acted rightly. Once again Israel has given a moral example to the world. Numbers must not be counted, but weighed. Three decent ordinary soldiers, doing their duty for their fatherland, tilt the scales against a number of prisoners of war and a far more numerous and motley bunch of terrorists, murderers and other bandits of Arab and other nations. The founding of the State of Israel was vindicated once more.

ELI PRINS
Bath, England.

Sir, – One of the big miracles today is the existence of Israel. In addition to facing an ever stronger enemy, Israel is further handicapped with a political system that puts into power people who are sapping its strength.

The political system in Israel is so stifling to new talent that only old political hacks are elevated and rewarded with power through the party system while young talent is discouraged, blocked and shot out.

It is therefore no wonder that Israel is in a crisis as a result of freeing so many convicted terrorists. No, it was not the young Rabin who led Israel to victory in the Six Day War, or the prime minister who taught the world a lesson on how not to give in to terrorists by making the word Entebbe more than a name of a city.

Now come the excuses and congratulations to all those involved, when inquiries should be in order. Can we really condemn Reagan for going to Bitburg? Does it make any more sense to pursue and catch terrorists? Is pursuing Mengele important any more? What price will the next three Israeli prisoners fetch? Have the Arabs finally found an ally – Israel's weak leadership?

ALAN NERHAUS
Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.

ABORTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I feel that the widespread abortion rate in Israel is an absolute outrage. While no less than six Israeli women's organizations actively counsel Israeli women to consider abortion, only some lone individuals seem to be out there counselling towards the birth process, even under stressful circumstances.

Besides taking into account the *moral* aspects of abortion, let us look at the objective situation of modern Israel, where the wait for a legal adoption can be four, five or even seven years, and where according to the Israeli Bureau of Central Statistics, more than 50,000 abortions are performed a year.

An anti-abortion/pro-life counselling service is needed in Israel, and needed to function in outpatient clinics throughout the country.

MARCIA ROSE
Jerusalem.

Dry Bones

ISRAELI COOKING ON A BUDGET
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